

# OTTAWA JEWISH BULLETIN & REVIEW

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(Jeremiah XXXI, 16)

# President's Report

Sol B. Shinder



An annual report can either be a review of what was — or an attempt to highlight what will be. The past two years have been eventful in the life of the Ottawa Jewish Community. I hope that your board and executive have played a small part in shaping the events of these last two years and have laid a groundwork for the future. If this has occurred, then the time we have spent will have been worthwhile.

I propose to deal with a number of issues which I believe will be faced by the community over the next few years. In a perfect world, the solutions would be easy but such is not the case.

## Education

The difficulties being encountered by the Day School movement throughout North America generally relate to the spiraling costs of education. We have been blessed with a relatively successful Day School — Hillel Academy. It has for some 33 years attempted to fulfill the needs of our community. The task of providing a Hebrew education to all elements of the community has been a fine juggling act.

In recent years, with the expansion of our community, the desires of a group of more traditional-minded people has led to a division and the creation of the Ecole Maimonides. Attempts were made to provide an accommodation of the two schools of thought but so far these attempts have been unsuccessful. The result is that we now have two Day Schools at a time when the costs of the original one is becoming an overburden.

The principle of providing all Jewish children with adequate Hebrew education is one which we all support. The difficulty is the balancing of priorities.

The strength of purpose of traditional Jews has for centuries been the backbone of the Jewish people, and therefore it is difficult to deny that element of our community — an essential ingredient of their life — a traditional school.

Recent events have, however, highlighted the financial problem — the decision of Revenue Canada to revise the rules concerning the deductibility of fees — a decision which will increase the real cost of tuition to the parents, coupled with the increasing costs of maintaining the schools. Inflation is rampant in our society and the schools are not insulated from this fact. The Hillel budget is primarily made up of salaries. If we expect to get quality education we must pay our teachers adequately. This does not mean that they must be paid at the same scale as teachers working for a "public" board of education — but they must be treated fairly. The teachers in turn must realize that they are working for a "private" board whose resources are limited and that the burden being placed upon the parents and the community is increasing and reaching the limit.

The demand being made to support two Day Schools at this time compounds the financial dilemma. Ecole Maimonides has, to some degree, demonstrated acceptance and support. How much support and whether it will be sustained is a question. Further attempts will have to be made by the leadership of both schools to see whether an accommodation of ideology can be made. Perhaps it cannot be accomplished until we have a new education building, but surely with goodwill and some flexibility, an accommodation can be achieved.

When our resources are being strained by increasing demands for new services, and with escalating costs of providing for existing services and level or declining results from U.J.A. — it is imperative that we find ways to meet the educational needs of our community without unduly increasing the financial burden. It will take the wisdom and tolerance of our sages to accomplish this end — but attempts to do so must be pursued.

## Hillel Lodge

While we are concerned about the education of our young — an equally important responsibility is the treatment of the not-so-young in our community. The number of aged in the population has begun to increase and will form a more significant proportion of our population over the next twenty years as we all grow older.

The necessity of providing adequate social services for the elderly is one which has been recognized by your boards. The burden of providing services will increase.

Jewish life has changed, the nuclear family is upon us, large families are no longer commonplace and often children do not reside in the same community as their parents. The days of children caring for their parents in their later years have by and large disappeared. Aged parents do not want to be a burden on their children, and their children do not have the capability of providing the care required.

The well-aged desire to remain independent and self-sufficient. It is important that this continue. A set of social services is being developed and must be expanded to help the well-aged live out their lives in dignity and with meaning.

The care for the infirm is an increasing responsibility. Hillel Lodge was founded as a home for the well-aged. Over the years its character has changed so that it is now largely a chronic care institution and a convalescent home. The spiralling costs of health care has also hit Hillel Lodge. The demands which will be made for the type of services provided by the Lodge will increase as the number of aged in the community increase. The cost of maintaining a "Jewish" home are even greater than those faced by comparable institutions in the general community and those additional costs are not covered by any governmental programme.

The future direction of Hillel Lodge must be reviewed — it is clear that we no longer have a home for the well-aged. The Lodge and the community must chart the direction of the Lodge to allow it to fulfill the needs of the community within the framework of existing governmental programmes and within the available resources in our community.

The true measure of any society is how it cares for its aged. The Jewish people have for centuries maintained and sustained their aged with dignity and compassion — we will continue to enhance that tradition — for that is the Jewish way.

## Young People

The needs of our young and elderly are somewhat institutionalized. The future of our people is, however, in the hands of our adolescents and young adults. The incidence of intermarriage and the loss of identity among our young people is perhaps the greatest danger facing our people. In order

to preserve Jewish life, we must enhance and sustain Jewish identity amongst our young adults. If they drop out we won't have any Jews left to preserve what we believe is a better way of life.

In order to foster the continuity of our people, we must offer opportunities to the young to resist assimilation. The programmes we have attempted with teenagers, university students and young adults must be expanded if we want success in the maintenance of our way of life.

Jewish young people must be given opportunities to meet other young Jews. The role of the Jewish Community Centre in this battle is of paramount importance. The programming of the JCC must be geared to meet the needs of these groups in our society. These needs will change with changes in the overall community and the JCC must be capable of responding in a timely manner.

The Jewish Students Union at the university must be maintained and constantly revitalized. With young people in the universities, leadership is in a constant turn over as students come and go — therefore we must maintain some continuity of service to aid the new students at a time when they are most impressionable.

The services provided to the young in the preservation of our people will however not be successful without the maintenance of support in the home. If we desire our youngsters to become better "Jews" we must provide a better example for them to follow.

## Leadership

The problem areas I have touched upon can only be dealt with if we have an expanding group of volunteers. The Jewish Community can only sustain itself in the Diaspora with the aid of volunteers from within. The amount of government support we can count on is minimal at best. Our support depends upon the commitment of people to the cause of Jewish life. This commitment at times must be measured in dollars.

There are many who say they don't require the services we provide — until they need them — then they want them. All of the services which are provided to the community cost money. Money we can only get from successful U.J.A. Campaigns.

The campaign provides the resources and therefore we must make certain it is successful. To be successful we must all participate and give our fair share — don't look to what your neighbour or friend did — we must all do the right thing by the campaign and if we do — then our financial problem would be looked after and we would be free to deal with the important issues of preserving our peoplehood and sustaining our young and old with dignity and compassion.

I cannot end my term as President without thanking some very

special people and without expressing some personal thoughts. Firstly, I must thank my very tolerant, devoted and loving wife. Without her support and patience my term as President would have been more difficult. Zelaine and my two sons Neil and Jeffrey have endured my absences at meetings with an understanding which instilled in me a feeling of support and acceptance of the objectives I was attempting to achieve.

Your officers and executives which I have been fortunate to work with over the past two years have also made my position much easier than I expected. Each one of them accepted their responsibilities willingly and fulfilled their duties faithfully. I never had any concern that any job they undertook would not be performed well. I therefore wish to thank Joseph Loeff, Alfred Friedman, Simone Goldberg, John Greenberg, Gerald Berger, Issie Landau, Dorothy Nadolny, Merida Sachs, Irving Rivers, Lorry Greenberg, Chick Taylor, Ethel Taylor, Lisa Cogan, Dr. Baruch Diena and Rabbi Irving Schreier for their valued services. To Baruch Diena who is presently ill in hospital, I want to especially wish a "Refua Shlema" for we all pray for his speedy and complete recovery.

The role of a President of an organization like the Vaad can only be performed if he has the support of talented and devoted professional staff. This we have in our ever present Executive Vice-President Hy Hochberg, who this year is completing his 35th year in the service of our community. His efforts and concern go far beyond what anyone would expect and his advice, wisdom and guidance were always welcomed. We did, I believe, develop a special relationship which I shall always cherish and I take pride in counting him amongst my friends. Hy knows that he can count on my support for years to come.

The other senior members of our staff, Sam Asher, Freda Frankel and Howard Goldberg have always been available when needed and I want to thank them for the assistance that they extended to me. Special thanks must also be extended to Rossie Rose, our indefatigable secretary. I must also acknowledge the efforts of Laura Greenberg, Molly Sherman, Abe Nadrich, Roz Taller, Shirley McCallum and Leona Ship.

The last two years have been gratifying to me and therefore to the community at large. Please accept my thanks for your support and confidence. It has been an honour to have been the President of your Council.

To our incoming president, Joseph Loeff, I wish good luck and a promise of my full support in his efforts to make our community an even better place than it already is — under his guidance I feel confident that the affairs of our Council are in good hands.



Jewish Community Council Officers for 1980-81

## An Overview

Hy Hochberg, Executive Vice-President



The mandate of the Jewish Community Council makes it the central, planning, co-ordinating and fund-raising body in the Jewish Community. It is that and more since it must also act as the collective voice of the community, be its representative with respect to its local and national relationships and co-ordinate the activities of the organizations and institutions which exist in the community without infringing on their autonomy. The Vaad operates by consensus with day-to-day responsibilities vested in the officers and professional staff. Policy is determined by the Executive Committee and the broadly-based Board of Trustees.

From an administrative and planning point of view, the two-year term under the presidency of Sol Shinder produced a number of material results. Most significant, in the view of this writer, is the integrated planning and budgeting structure which had its genesis in an all-day conference on September 9, 1979. In the intervening period, we have been able to demonstrate through our Panels on Jewish Education, Social Services and Communal and Group Services that the community and its agencies and institutions are served best by a system which makes them active partners in the process of planning, budgeting and priority-setting. We are still working out the kinks but it is patently clear that this approach, relying as it does on sharing of information and openness, has helped develop closer inter-agency co-operation and a better understanding than has been the case heretofore. The lessons we have learned in our initial forays will stand us in good stead as we begin Phase III of the program this fall.

### Record Several Firsts

A number of other firsts were recorded during the Shinder years including the completion of a Survey of the Older Jewish Population of Ottawa-Carleton, the emergence of the Jewish Social Services Agency as a full-fledged family service and the establishment of a Distinguished Service Award for exceptional volunteer effort over the course of many years.

During the summer of 1979, the Jewish Community became involved with Project 4000. We undertook to sponsor fifty Vietnamese boat people and signed an umbrella agreement with the government to guarantee the obligations of the individual group sponsors. We met our commitment and the whole operation was handled without incident.

In order to strengthen our community relations apparatus, we reorganized our Community Relations and Canada-Israel Committees into one body and developed a program which included a series of public forums, a regularly-functioning media-monitoring group and a seminar for an in-depth examination of the issues with which we are concerned on the local, national and international Jewish scene. Increasing terrorism in Europe was condemned at a public rally which attracted a capacity audience. In the fall, the Committee, in addition to its present core program, will move more actively into the field of Christian-Jewish relations.

### Jewish Students Union — Hillel

The needs of the eight hundred to one thousand Jewish students on the campuses of Ottawa universities led to the appointment of a full-time J.S.U.-Hillel Co-ordinator. This was done with the cooperation and financial backing of the B'nai B'rith Lodges who picked

up about 40% of the cost. Discussions are continuing with a view to developing assured funding for the future.

The community-wide celebration of Israel's Independence was moved to the Civic Centre bringing record turnout in attendance for the past two years. The program of the Soviet Jewry Committee was also intensified and our Holocaust Committee expanded its activities with seminars for high school teachers and exhibits open to the general public.

In order to more properly reflect its widened sphere of influence, our Women's Committee changed its name to "Women's Federation." At the same time, our Leadership Development group reached out to more young people with the interest and potential and began to prepare them for roles of increasing responsibility in the community.

His Excellency Mordechai Shalev completed his mission to Canada and was replaced by the new Ambassador of Israel, Yeshayahu Anug. There has always been a warm relationship between this community and Israel's emissaries to Canada which expresses itself in numerous ways. The Ottawa Jewish Community continues to support the people and the State of Israel in meaningful fashion through fund-raising, investments, tourism and student exchange and even a modest aliyah. Israel's isolation in the family of nations has made our ties stronger than ever.

### Fund-Raising Activities

The United Jewish Appeal occupies a major part of the year's activities. The process begins with the appointment of a General Chairman directly after a new administration takes office and continues until the campaign is wound up twelve to fifteen months later. Organizing the campaign is a big job which requires the development of a game plan, the recruitment and training of hundreds of volunteers, canvassing, record-keeping, follow-up and finally, collections. Cash flow is a continuing problem for our beneficiaries and we must be on top of our receivables at all times.

The Vaad has also developed closer links with State of Israel Bonds and was involved in the selection of the current General Chairman. In terms of fund-raising generally, not a week goes by without an appeal of one sort or another. We try to regulate these activities in order to cushion the effect on our donors but the number of requests we receive are on the increase. The proliferation of campaigns is a matter of concern to us since it erodes the principle of united fund-raising. The new administration should address this problem as a priority matter.

Speaking of campaigns, Bertram Loeb's performance as Chairman of the highly-successful Civic Hospital Development Campaign deserves special mention. In addition to his over-all responsibilities, he was the prime mover in the effort to raise some \$500,000 from members of the Jewish Community for the Rehabilitation Centre of the New Cardiac Unit. According to him, total subscriptions are approaching the target figure. A plaque testifying to the fact that the Rehabilitation Institute has been donated by the Jewish Community will be affixed to the facility when it is completed.

### Or Yehuda Project Renewal

The period under review found us becoming more actively involved with Or Yehuda, the community in Israel we have adopted jointly

with Ontario and the Maritimes in Project Renewal. That relationship has been strengthened with the appointment of Dr. Harvey Lithwick as the Chairman of Volunteers under over-all Chairman Lou Sklar of Toronto. After a slow start, the pace of development in Or Yehuda has been accelerated and a number of projects are under way. We can anticipate increased requests for funds in the next few months which will have to be translated into action at the local level.

The Ottawa Jewish Community is represented on a number of national bodies including the United Israel Appeal of Canada, Canadian Jewish Congress, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, the National Budgeting Conference, the Canada-Israel Committee and the Council of Jewish Federations. Our delegates have acquitted themselves well at regional and national gatherings. It should be noted, as well, that we have recommended the establishment of a National Capital Region of Canadian Jewish Congress which will make us eligible for program subsidies similar to those enjoyed by other regions. There are a number of legal and other complications which have slowed us up but the matter is being pursued. It should also be stated that we maintain ongoing communication with all of the national groups mentioned and are plugged in to their current programs and services.

The New Community Complex has been on the agenda of the Council since the idea was adopted in principle in 1978. Several possibilities have been considered in the interim but nothing concrete has materialized until quite recently. It now appears as if the Ottawa Board of Education will declare a desirable west end intermediate school as surplus for September, 1982. We have conveyed our interest to the Board and indicated that we are prepared to discuss leasing or purchase for our day school and satellite centre on mutually acceptable terms. We are waiting to hear from the O.B.E. A series of consultations with community leaders will follow.

In the interests of brevity, this report must be limited. Nevertheless, I have to mention the real contribution to the concept of community which is made by our

bi-weekly publication, the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin. It has virtually eliminated the many individual pieces of mail of years ago and is viewed as the most important medium of communication we have available today. Because of budgetary considerations it has its limits, but it does get out and our surveys tell us it is being read. A number of improvements are on the drawing board for this fall, not the least of which is a stepped-up campaign for increasing our advertising revenues.

### A Tribute

Sol Shinder is the nineteenth president of the Vaad since it was formed in 1934. Each of his predecessors left an indelible imprint on the organization and the community. He has added a unique and outgoing leadership style and his easy accessibility made him a popular president. It brought him respect and stature as well. The position requires a great deal of time and effort; Sol gave both freely and willingly. He is extremely well-informed, he listens and is not afraid to take a stand. Someone put it well recently when they called him "the right man for the right time." He will continue to be a powerful advocate in his new role as immediate past president. We got on famously and I consider it an honour to have been a part of his team. I know everyone in the community will join me in wishing him and his family good health and happiness in the years ahead.

Mr. Shinder and his associates leave a better community, a stronger community and a more mature community to their successors. We have become more sophisticated in our programming and fund-raising activities. Citizenship participation has increased. There are problems to be sure but we have the talent and the human and material resources to overcome most of them. We live in a fine, self-respecting community with great potential for enriching the quality of Jewish life. Let us move ahead together towards that goal.

I conclude by expressing my appreciation to the Officers, Executive Committee and Board of Trustees for their encouragement and co-operation and to my colleagues on the Council staff for their loyal and devoted services.

## Jewish Students Union-Hillel Foundation

Alan Schwartz, President

The Jewish Students Union — Hillel Foundation of Ottawa is the organization that "is" and represents the Jewish university students and young adults in the City of Ottawa.

The Ottawa J.S.U. functions as an umbrella organization bringing together all Jewish students of Carleton University, University of Ottawa and Algonquin College, as well as special interest groups in an overall coordinating and programming process.

Over the 80-81 season, J.S.U. saw approximately 400 people attend over 40 programs for a grand total of 1,882 (Jewish) gate attendance.

Two of our major involvements included the U.J.A. Young Peoples' Division where J.S.U. helps put the Division "over the top"; and the B'nai B'rith Bowlathon where J.S.U. workers and bowlers raised over \$1,000 for the event. J.S.U. has also been involved with Vaad, J.C.C. and other community events.

The J.S.U. budget comes from many sources, the prime funding sources being the U.J.A. (through the auspices of the Vaad Ha'ir), and B'nai B'rith Lodges and Chapters. Specific programming grants and resources come from many community sources including the Ottawa Histadrut



League, the Israeli Embassy, the Ottawa Hebrew Benevolent Society, program grants from Carleton and Ottawa University, and of course, the Jewish Community Centre.

In 1981/82 J.S.U. expects to continue to grow, involving more students in our expanded and varied programs. By your continued encouragement and support, organized Jewish presence on campus for now and in the future is continuing to develop.

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact one of the new executive members: Alan Schwartz, President; Mark Kalisky, Vice-President; Mike Korman, Treasurer; Ellin Besner, Immediate Past President; and/or our new staff worker (who will be in place by July 1). All can be reached through 232-7306.

In closing, we would like to thank our staff worker of the past two years, Leib Zeisler, and wish him all the best in the future. Shalom.

## United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa

Lorry Greenberg, General Chairman

The 1981 United Jewish Appeal Campaign has been characterized by an intensive effort to reach the goal of \$2.4 million which was established as the minimum amount required to fund our local needs and international share of the social welfare programs which the Jewish Agency operates in Israel on behalf of world Jewry.

As of this writing, statistics prepared for our weekly report meetings show that we have received just over \$1,850,000. in pledges so far. This is 84% of the total commitments obtained last year but only 77% of our 1981 goal. On a card-for-card comparison basis, we are running about 5% ahead. All things considered, this is a respectable showing. If we maintain that pace, we should end up in the neighborhood of \$2.3 million. I must, however, express some disappointment. We have the capacity to raise \$2.4 million. It is a realistic objective. Our beneficiaries have no fat in their budgets and they require every dollar and more. The money is out there; the real question is how do we get over the hump.

Administratively, we were better organized than ever. We started early and we involved people from all segments of the community. When I became Chairman last year, I made up my mind that U.J.A. was a family affair and that every individual worker had to be made to feel that his or her contribution was vital to its success. We had a good mix including veteran canvassers, new recruits and many young people. I believe we have come a long way.

Structurally, the Campaign was divided into eight major groupings each headed by an Associate Chairman. They were Irving Taylor for Special Names; Ethel Taylor for the Women's Division; Dr. Shier Berman for the Public Service Division; Nap Kapiński, Ben Karp, Norman Potechin, Irving Rivers and Stephen Victor for the Business & Professional Divisions; and Simone Goldberg for the Young Peoples Divisions. Each had their divisional chairman and campaign cabinets. Together, they made a formidable team which, at its peak, had several hundred canvassers involved in the process. Space does not permit me to list all of their names here but I wish to thank them collectively for the important part they played in the success of our drive.

Jack Krane, my Deputy Chairman, and I divided the eight groupings between us. In addition to the personal responsibility I assumed for Major Gifts, I undertook to supervise Special Names, Women's Division and the Public Service Division. Jack took the others in Business and Professionals. We tightened up our schedule, developed progress charts in the interests of motivation and perhaps most important of all, conducted weekly executive committee meetings which made us more accountable to each other.

We planned a Mission to Israel early in February but for a number of reasons, the trip was put off until late November. I have found that Missions are extremely important ingredients in our campaign. They are effective instruments for significantly increased giving and should be expanded in future to include couples, families and young people. Our American friends have also developed successful Missions to Washington and New



York. We should benefit by their experience.

Believing as we do that effective solicitations are only possible where the canvasser has a good grounding in the campaign, we placed added emphasis this year on worker training. Each Division had a minimum of two meetings for orientation and card-distribution. We leaned heavily on films, slides, printed matter, videotape and the spoken word. The Bulletin was the major vehicle for the dissemination of information. The feed-back I have been getting about my column and the general approach we took was positive. We also had the co-operation of the Rabbis who used their pulpits on many occasions to advance the U.J.A. cause.

On the principle that an educated donor is a better donor, we experimented with a series of neighborhood gatherings which were designed to bring the message of the campaign and the community into the homes of young families in particular. We used films, speakers, slides and printed materials to tell the story and encouraged discussion and even criticism. The results were healthy enough to convince me that this approach has many possibilities and should be intensified.

By far the most dramatic new development in our campaign this year was Super Sunday, a national program in the United States. Basically a mass telephone blitz, we used it to kick off our general canvass on April 5. Over 400 volunteers took part. Almost 1,900 contributions were obtained of which close to 600 were first-time gifts and over 700 were increases. We raised \$156,000. in that one day and believe the format has the potential of substantially increasing sums for the future. Most important, the coverage of so many cards early in the campaign was a giant step forward. Chick and Rose Taylor did a superb job as Co-Chairmen.

Although there was some concern about our Walkathon having lost its appeal, I knew we had a winner when Ben Greenberg took the chairmanship. A stickler for detail, he mobilized an effective team and produced several new ideas. They resulted in an increase from \$27,000. to \$42,000., almost 55% as compared with last year. Aside from the money, almost 500 individuals took part including many young families. Its value as a demonstration of community participation and solidarity cannot be over-emphasized.

The next few weeks will be spent in getting the rest of our cards covered. There are always some hold-backs but we expect the bulk of the job to be completed by the end of June. A Kovod evening for workers in July will wind up the 1981 drive.

I have enjoyed my two years as General Chairman and will leave the post with a new appreciation for this community and the many fine people who comprise its leadership. The vast majority cares. I am proud to have played some small part in perpetuating and strengthening Jewish life here and in Israel.

I close with expressions of gratitude to all of the people with whom I have been privileged to work and to all of the donors who have made the Ottawa Jewish community an example to emulate.

## United Jewish Appeal Women's Division

Ethel Taylor, Chairman



The preparation of our Women's Division United Jewish Appeal Campaign began in July. Invited guests for our Opening Luncheon held last November 18 at my home, were members of my Campaign Cabinet and Presidents of Jewish Women's Organizations in the city. Douglas Leopold, Montreal Relations Consultant and radio and T.V. celebrity was our guest speaker. One of his specialties is galvanizing organizations with a wild melange of startling ideas.

Our opening campaign function March 10, an all-day Canvasser Training Seminar, was held at three different locations (homes). The morning session was in downtown, the afternoon session in the east end, and the evening session in the west end of the city. Our special guest was Jonathan Livny, one of Israel's outstanding speakers and currently on a mission to Canada as Special Representative of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Gay Berger, first National Vice-president of Women's Division U.I.A. also spoke to us. Gay was the 1981 Mission Leader of the First International Mission to Israel and also participated in the Women's Division mission to Poland, Rumania, and Israel in 1979. This was a tremendously successful day, as most cabinet members and canvassers doubled and tripled their pledge and at that point we had a 74% increase over last year.

On March 25, we held a Newcomer's Luncheon for newly arrived women in the city. It was hosted by Lloyd Francis, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons, and Mrs. Francis. After hearing Mr. Francis, everyone was treated to the opportunity to observe Parliament in session.

On March 31, Freda Keet, noted Israeli Broadcaster and Journalist, spoke at a "Double Your Pledge" luncheon (minimum \$100) and we had 25 ladies who attended and doubled their pledge. Since then we have over 50 ladies who have doubled their pledge. In the evening, Freda, spoke to our newly-formed Business and Professional Group at a Sherry Party. Fifty ladies attended, and it was interesting to see women in business, law, social work, medicine, real-estate, and various other professions mingle together.

Our second new division this year was the Golden Age Group. I

felt a need to involve our Senior Citizens in the United Jewish Appeal of our community. I was the guest speaker at one of their regular monthly luncheons. Over 100 women attended with gratifying results, and I felt very moved by the great response from everyone.

Our third new division this year was the Snowbirds. These are ladies who are away most of the winter when the campaign is in full swing. We held a "Return of the Ottawa Snowbirds Breakfast" and we were fortunate again to have Jonathan Livny as our guest speaker. He did a super job, and we reached people we never have before.

Our overall campaign opening was Super Sunday, April 5. This was a first in Canada, and was a Super Super Success!!

The Campaign Closing Champagne Luncheon was our "Catch a Rainbow" Fashion Show. The models were all our own U.J.A. ladies. All the catering and other arrangements were also done by our ladies. Our own National President Simone Goldberg was commentator for the show. 300 women attended.

My dedicated and hard working cabinet, who did a fantastic job this year, will be invited to my home for a "Thank You" lunch.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the cabinet, the chairmen of the different categories, and the canvassers for their superb effort and commitment. Without their dedication and work, we would not have succeeded. A special thanks to all the ladies who graciously hosted our functions; to my Vice-Chairmen Rose Taylor, Merida Sachs, Myra Aronson and Phyllis Sternthal; to Simone Goldberg who has been helpful in so many ways and is always available no matter how busy she is; to Freda Frankel who is always co-operative and such a pleasure to work with; and to the office staff. Thanks also to Fashion Show Convenor Roz Kimmel and her hard working committee.

I have attempted to reach and educate every woman in the city this year, about the importance of their United Jewish Appeal commitment. It has been a very stimulating and rewarding year for me and I want to thank everyone for helping to strengthen both our community and Israel.



The General Chairman  
and Campaign Committee  
of the  
1981 United Jewish Appeal  
express their appreciation  
to each and every contributor  
for his/her generosity and support.

"Now more than ever, we are one!"

## Women's Federation

Lisa Cogan, Chairman

The Women's Federation (formerly the Women's Committee) has, as in the past, endeavoured to assume a major role in enhancing the policies and projects of the Vaad, and to involve Jewish women in productive community work. One of its main functions has been to maintain liaison with all Jewish women's organizations in the community in order to strengthen inter-community relations and solve mutual problems. It is with this end in mind that the Women's Federation has attempted to co-ordinate and maintain a rational and effective Community Calendar of social, educational and fund-raising events.

Recognizing the changing role of women in the community and growing impact of their contribution to community life, the Women's Federation attempted to broaden and intensify its activities during the past year. Its goals included the implementation of a more effective Community Calendar, the organization of a Women's Community Conference on a topic of general concern to all women's organizations and the promotion of closer links with the United Jewish Appeal. The results of our endeavours to attain these goals were most gratifying.

Early in the fall, a brainstorming session was held with Past Chairmen of the Women's Committee. Their experience and wise advice proved most helpful, and set the tone of our future activities.

In the early part of 1981, the Vaad approved the change of name from "Women's Committee" to "Women's Federation", a term that more accurately describes our setup and purpose.

Our first step was to tackle the problem of the Community Calendar, with the aim of creating a more efficient and functional system. Under the able guidance of Zelaine Shinder, procedures were tightened up, calendar entries were monitored, and the Community Calendar was posted bi-weekly in the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin and

Review. In addition, new calendar booking forms were printed, and the new system should provide more complete information about coming events, thus minimizing conflicts in time and dates. It is also intended that fund-raising data will be maintained on the master calendar, so that the fund-raising activities of each organization will be readily seen.

In the fall of 1980, a series of educational programs was jointly sponsored by the Women's Federation and the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal. Under the leadership of Merida Sachs, a number of "Neighbourhood Gatherings" were held in private homes, their purpose being to increase public understanding of the organized Jewish community, its agencies and institutions and its relationship to Israel.

The Seminar on "Keeping Volunteerism Alive" sponsored by the Women's Federation on January 25, 1981 at the Jewish Community Centre was a most successful event. Seventy-two women, representing twenty local organizations, spent most of the day discussing the problem of the "vanishing volunteer", a matter of urgent concern today to every organization that is heavily dependent on volunteer help. At the morning session, panelists Maureen O'Neil, Sharon Gray and Esther Kwavnick discussed "Volunteerism and the Working Woman". Featured luncheon speaker was Freda Paltiel, whose topic was "Volunteerism in a Democracy". The fact that all key participants were active volunteers as well as working professionals, made their contributions particularly effective. During the afternoon, the seminarists discussed problems facing volunteer groups at workshop sessions.

Plans for the Women's Federation for the coming year will focus on the improvement and intensification of the foregoing activities.



## Community Relations

Rabbi Irving Schreier,  
Murray Ages, Co-Chairmen

Continuing our policy of promoting public meetings on matters of interest and concern to the Jewish community, the Committee organized a series of open forums, featuring expert speakers. These were:

October 5, 1980 — "Middle East Stalemate", Guest Speaker — Shlomo Avineri co-sponsored with Agudath Israel Congregation.

January 11, 1981 — "A Revised Canadian Constitution", Guest Speaker — David Lewis, C.C., Q.C. co-sponsored with Machzikei Hadas Congregation.

February 1, 1981 — "The Future of the Jewish Family", Guest Speaker, Rabbi Daniel Syme co-sponsored with Temple Israel Congregation.

March 1, 1981 — "A Global Perspective of the Jewish Condition", Guest Speaker — Theodore Comet co-sponsored with Beth Shalom Congregation.

On April 12, 1981 the Committee co-sponsored with the Jewish Community Centre an open meeting on "War Criminals In Canada", with the Hon. Robert Kaplan as Guest Speaker.

Reacting to the tragic and contemptible bombing of a synagogue in Paris in October 1980, the Committee organized a mass rally at

the Beth Shalom Synagogue on October 21, 1980. Rev. Roland de Corneille, M.P. was keynote speaker. The rally was attended by more than 600 people from the community at large, who voiced their condemnation of the bombing and of anti-Semitism generally, in a Resolution of Concern. Representatives of all levels of the media were also present, and helped create public awareness of the incident and its implications.

A major undertaking of the Committee was the Community Relations Seminar "Clouds on the Horizon", held at the Jewish Community Centre on December 14, 1980. Guest panelists were Alan Rose, Ben Kayfetz, and Mark Resnick, with Professor Gabriel Ben-Dor as featured luncheon speaker. The seventy Seminarists who registered for the all-day event discussed issues pertaining to the status of World Jewry, neo-Nazism and anti-Semitism, and Canada-Israel relations, in three workshops. They also saw a display of press reports and articles on neo-Nazi and anti-Semitic activities in Canada, and took home a kit of useful and informative material on the topics under consideration.

## Jewish Community Foundation

David Loeb, President

The Ottawa Jewish Community Endowment and Bequest Foundation is pleased to report continued progress. During the past year, the Foundation reached a milestone in its growth, reaching \$1,000,000. In capital funds.

With continued support from the community, the Officers and Directors now feel that an ultimate objective of a \$10,000,000 Fund is attainable. The income from a Fund of this magnitude would cover most local needs. The Directors wish to suggest that when you are updating your will, that you remember your community with a bequest to the Foundation.

Since the last Annual Meeting, 16 new Funds have been established: Samuel (Wally) and Irene Kronick Foundation; Fanny Gennis Endowment Fund; David and Tilly Gershon Endowment Fund; Zoya Shabasov Scholarship Fund; Benes and Sarah Cantor Endowment Fund; Jacob and Rose Landau Memorial Fund; Bernice Feller Memorial Fund; Jacob and Sarah Gordon Endowment Fund; Deborah Sugarman Memorial Fund; Sara Abramson Memorial Fund.

Fund; Samuel and Bessie Greenberg Endowment Fund; Moses and Chenya and Henry Toronto Memorial Fund; Dr. and Mrs. M. Ralph Berke Endowment Fund; William Canter Endowment Fund; Dr. Nathan and Tessa Schechter Endowment Fund; and the Louis and Libby Agulnik Endowment Fund.

For the year ended December 31, 1980, \$70,000 was distributed to various local and Israeli charities.

It is anticipated that for the year 1981, there will be approximately \$100,000 available for distribution. There are 115 Funds in the Foundation as of April 30, 1981. The Officers and Directors of the Foundation are thankful to the Ottawa Jewish Community for its continued support and are confident that this growth will continue.

Copies of the audited financial statements are available from the Executive Secretary, Laura Greenberg at 232-7306. For information about establishing an Endowment Fund or a Memorial Fund, contact Hy Hochberg at 232-7306 or Casey Swedlove at 236-5442.



## Holocaust Committee

Mendel Good, Chairman

The past year has been an active and productive one for the Holocaust Committee. Our focus was on two major projects, the development of a Holocaust curriculum for use in local high schools and the mounting of a Holocaust art exhibit of paintings and drawings created by artists in concentration camps and ghettos during the Second World War.

The Sub-Committee on Holocaust Education was set up in July, 1980. Consisting of teachers familiar with the school system, the Committee immediately set to work to collect, assess and organize Holocaust material that would be suitable for high school students. In February 1981, two Professional Development Seminars were organized for Ottawa and Carleton High School teachers, at which the suggested curriculum was presented and discussed. The material was well received and it is hoped that as a result of the Sub-Committee's work, the subject of the Holocaust will become a regular aspect of high school teaching.

In the same connection, the Holocaust Committee was represented at an international conference on "Teaching the Holocaust in High Schools", held in Toronto in September 1980.

During the winter, arrangements were made with the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre and Bet Lochemi HaGhettaot in Israel, to bring the latter's unique and moving art exhibit "Spiritual Resistance, 1940-1945; Art from Concentration Camps and Ghettos" to Ottawa. Space was made available by the National Archives in the Main Exhibition Foyer, and a team of over thirty volunteer docents and attendants was organized to look after tours and visitors. The Exhibit was opened on April 27, with Governor General Edward Schreyer officiating, and



## Planning, Budget and Allocations

**Joseph Lieff, Chairman**

Last year, we set a new Integrated Planning, Budget and Allocations System in motion. The new system was designed to produce information before and not after the fact. The concept of the new system is that the Central Planning, Budget and Allocations Committee set guidelines in the Fall of 1980 preceding the 1981-82 fiscal year and the guidelines were relayed to the three panels in the following areas of service: Communal and Group Services, Social Services and Jewish Education. The panels met on an ongoing basis through the Fall of 1980 and Winter of 1981 in order to have a good understanding of agency programs and agency needs and help the agencies to shape their budgets in light of the projected results of the 1981 U.J.A. Campaign.

The Planning and Budgeting Panels have fostered inter-agency planning and programming. Information has been shared in regard to resource development, personnel-practices and curriculum and program development.



This year we have introduced a modified budgeting system which has assisted the beneficiary agencies to trim their budgets and clearly define their basic program priorities. At the same time, the new budgeting system gives the Council the opportunity to provide input into the planning for the total program and priority-setting of each agency based on the Vaad's broader community perspective.

The net result is that the review of agency budgets for the fiscal year of 1981-82 will take place before the fiscal year and not after. Recommendations for the distribution of the 1981 campaign income will be presented at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees in July as compared with November or December in past years.

I wish to thank members of my Committee and members of the Planning and Budgeting Panels for their diligent application to the responsibilities with which they were entrusted.

## Yom Ha'Atzmaut

**Dorothy Nadolny, Chairman**



The 33rd Anniversary of Israel's Independence fell on Thursday, May 7, 1981. The Ottawa Jewish Community joined together on Wednesday evening, May 6, to celebrate this joyous event, with over 1200 people gathering at the Civic Centre to dance, sing and be entertained.

The highlight of the evening was Ruthi Navon, an Israeli singing star of great talent. Also on the program were students from Ottawa Modern Jewish School, Talmud Torah Afternoon School, Hillel Academy, Temple Israel Religious School and Star of David Hebrew School. Also featured were a group of young Ottawans dancing Israeli folk dances.

The children's celebration on Sunday, May 3, took place at the Jewish Community Centre. Mrs. Anug, wife of the Ambassador of

Israel to Canada opened the celebrations, which were followed by excellent programs.

The 1981 Yom Ha'Atzmaut Observance was the result of nearly six months of planning and preparations, and many people were involved, too numerous to mention.

Our expenses totalled approximately \$8,300, and we managed to break even with our net income, after expenses, keeping us within our budget, thanks to 128 patrons, and the many sponsoring organizations who participated. The income from ticket sales was over \$3,500.

I would like to express my appreciation to the entire Yom Ha'Atzmaut Committee for their participation in this enormous undertaking. The success of this event was due to their efforts.

## Jewish Community Cemetery of Ottawa

**Hyman Gould, Chairman**

The Jewish Community Cemetery of Ottawa, situated on Highway 31 (Bank Street South) is composed of individual sections owned by Congregations Agudath Israel, Beth Shalom and Machzikei Hadas. The ten-acre site has served the community for over seventy-five years.

Congregations Temple-Israel and Young Israel were apportioned sections in the New Jewish Community Cemetery when it opened in 1976.

The Cemetery is well-maintained and compares favorably in appearance with cemeteries anywhere. There are some problems during the winter season but they are all well-handled.

The Holocaust Memorial serves as a focal point for the entire community at all times and particularly for the annual observance of Yom Hashoah which recently took place.

The Annual Memorial Service

held on the cemetery grounds prior to Rosh Hashanah was well-attended. A short and meaningful service was held. The appreciation of the community is extended to the clergy, to Sam Petigorsky, the Gabbal of the Chevra Kadisha and to the men and women of his organization for their devoted efforts throughout the course of the year.

Nathan Marcus, the Cemetery Supervisor, continues to do an excellent job in caring for and maintaining the grounds and we thank him. Sam Marcovitch is in charge of floral decorations on a private basis.

I extend my thanks to the Vaad for making its resources and staff available to the Cemetery Committee as well as appreciation to my colleagues on the Committee who represent Congregations Agudath Israel, Beth Shalom, Machzikei Hadas, Temple Israel and Young Israel.

## Soviet Jewry Committee

**Ruth Berger and Rabbi Basil Herring, Co-Chairmen**

Early last fall, the Vaad decided to amalgamate two previously separate committees — the Group of 35 and the Ottawa Soviet Jewry Committee — into a single body to be renamed the Combined Ottawa Soviet Jewry Committee. This new committee is under the co-chairmanship of Rabbi Basil Herring and Ruth Berger.

The year 1980-81 has been a difficult one for Jews in the U.S.S.R. The number of Jews permitted to leave has declined sharply and arbitrary arrests and trials continue. Perhaps the only bright spot was the early release of Joseph Mendelevich after serving 12 years in prison. Mendelevich is now in Israel.

The first activity of the new combined committee was to organize Ottawa's Annual Simchat Torah Rally in front of the Soviet Embassy. Over 200 people attended this lively rally which engendered extensive media attention to the plight of our Soviet Jewish brothers and sisters. However, while 200 is certainly a respectable number, surely Ottawa's 10,000 Jews could show more support for our community's major demonstration of the year.

October saw the visit of Anachar-Kan, an Israeli troupe of Russian emigre singers, dancers and musicians, to the Opera of the National Arts Centre. The committee assisted in promoting attendance for this exciting show.

The surprise arrest of renowned scientist Victor Brailovsky in Moscow in November produced close co-operation between the Ottawa Committee and Canadian scientists and politicians in an effort to focus attention on the Brailovsky case. Letters were written to the editors of major Canadian newspapers. The Ottawa committee also organized media coverage when Brailovsky's brother testified before the new Parliamentary Committee on Soviet Jews in March. We will shortly be conducting a massive mailing campaign to support Victor Brailovsky who remains incommunicado in a Moscow prison despite the fact that no charges have been laid.

January's planning meeting was highlighted by a telephone call to Anatoly Scharansky's brother Leonid in Moscow. Leonid discussed his brother's failing health, the impossibility of visits and the family's fears for Scharansky who is currently serving six months in solitary confinement. We pledged to continue our efforts to free Anatoly Scharansky.

A high point of our activities was the first Soviet Jewry Shabbat in March. Sponsored by the committee, JIAS and Beth Shalom Synagogue, this Shabbat service witnessed the calling to the Torah of recent Soviet Jewish newcomers to Ottawa. For most of them it was for the first time, making this the biggest Bar-Mitzvah in Ottawa history. Babies were named, children received Siddurim and special prayers were said in English and Russian. Our guest speaker, Dr. Theodore Freidgut, spoke on the politics and problems involved in emigration. Later there was a special kiddush. All in attendance were deeply moved to witness these recent immigrants' return to Jewish life after sixty years of communism rule.

We are continuing our campaign on behalf of Ida Nudel. With the committee's help, several hundred letters to Ida have been sent by various organizations — among them N.C.J.W., Agudath Israel Sisterhood and the Vaad Women's Federation. Members of the Ottawa Committee were involved in the national petition to free Ida Nudel which was presented to the Honourable Mark McGuigan in February. We are now working on a luncheon and film presentation hosted by the Honourable Flora MacDonald, to commemorate the jailing of Ida Nudel in late June.

We are generally pleased with the number and variety of the committees' activities of this past year and we are delighted to see many new people actively involved. However, we are still short of committed workers and would welcome additional support and participation from concerned Jews in the community.



## New Jewish Community Cemetery

**Israel Shinder, Chairman**

The New Jewish Community Cemetery of Ottawa Inc. had only one meeting throughout the year. Fortunately almost all matters of administration are handled competently by the Vaad office in relationship to the collecting of fees and in working directly with the Synagogues. Therefore the members of my committee need only attend to the extraordinary matters which fortunately are few in number.

The Cemetery continues to grow

more beautiful as the grass and trees which were planted grow with time. We were fortunate in planting additional trees along the roadway which ultimately will form a nice screen and help to take away some of the bleakness of the untried area as it existed.

The caretaking staff under the direction of Nathan and Sam Marcus continue to do an excellent job, and all factors seem to be in place to serve the community.

## Ottawa Vaad Hakashruth

Dr. Baruch Diena, Chairman

The Ottawa Vaad Hakashruth has the responsibility of ensuring that kosher meat and fowl are available in the Jewish community; of engaging shochtim and supervising shechita; of providing hashgacha for the institutions under its jurisdiction; of enhancing the observance of kashruth through education and other means; and of co-operating with bakeries, caterers, camps and other establishments in their observance of kashruth.

Supervisory responsibility for kashruth rests with the Rabbinical Committee of the Vaad Hakashruth, which meets the first Thursday of every month. The lay board, which deals with financial matters and enacts regulations on the recommendation of the Rabbinical Committee, meets every second month. This group is made up of representatives of the Synagogues and the



community-at-large.

The Vaad Hakashruth is an ongoing operation with day-to-day responsibilities. Much of the work is carried on by mashgichim (kashruth supervisors) at the abattoirs, the kosher butcher shop, the Jewish Community Centre, Hillel Lodge, the various synagogues in the community, Hillel Academy and at Rideau Bakery. As well, fish that has been properly processed according to kashruth can now be purchased locally.

The Vaad Hakashruth can only be as effective as the members of the committee, and because of the strong commitment of its members, it has proven to be an important and very active body.

In closing, I want to express thanks to the clergy and the lay members of the Committee for their assistance and guidance during the past year.

## History and Archives

Hugo Levendel, Chairman  
Shirley Berman, Secretary

The Ottawa Jewish Historical Society has had a successful year under the chairmanship of Hugo Levendel.

This year the program of the society was changed to create a new dimension. Active volunteers continued to work with the ongoing collection of the community archives. A new group under the direction of Phil Sugarman was formed to attract more members and persons interested in the work of the Society. This larger group met in private homes and were addressed by guest speakers.

Two outstanding talks were "The Jews of Montreal" by Annette Wolfe, and "Jewish Involvement in Labour in Canada" by Kalmen Kaplansky. This format was highly successful, and we hope to continue it in the coming season.

Among the important gifts to our collections have been organizational minute books in both English and Yiddish.

A growing interest in ethnic studies has resulted in the continued use of our collections. One of the most interesting of these is a study of the architecture of Jewish buildings in Ottawa. This work, being done for Carleton University School of Architecture

will be added to our archives upon completion, in June.

Early in the year a study of early Zionism in Ottawa was made by the society, and a detailed exhibition about that topic was prepared and exhibited. A wider interest in the activities of other local historical societies resulted in our secretary, Shirley Berman addressing the Rideau Township Historical Society in a talk about early Jewish settlement in Ottawa. Other talks about aspects of Canadian and local Jewish history were given to the senior class of the Talmud Torah.

Mr. Levendel will represent our society at the Canadian Jewish Historical Society Annual Seminar which will take place in conjunction with the Learned Societies Conference to be held at Dalhousie University in Halifax.

Our continued involvement and exchange with other historical societies across Canada and the United States continues. Visitors to the Jewish Community Centre will become aware of our photographic collection which is often on display. We will endeavour to collect and display materials and photographs as they become available.

## Budget & Allocations

Chick Taylor, Chairman



tional copies can be obtained from the Jewish Community Council office.

For the purposes of this report, however, I would like to point out that after deducting campaign expenses and a shrinkage allowance, just over \$2 million was available for distribution to beneficiaries. Of this amount, 53% was allocated to the United Israel Appeal; 6.4% for National Agencies in Canada; 38.1% for local community services; and 2.5% for the accumulated deficit. Of the local share, Jewish Education received 50%; Cultural and Recreational Agencies, 30.4%; and Communal and Social Services, 19.5%.

The basic problem we face in the distribution of campaign income is the attempt to reconcile our responsibilities to Israel on the one hand with the need to maintain our own community on the other hand. On occasion, painful decisions have to be made. There is never enough money to satisfy all of the requests and the only way to make do with what we have is by establishing priorities.

Even so, there is a limit beyond which we cannot go, resulting in deficit financing by several of our Ottawa-based institutions. Last year, the Board of Trustees endorsed a Capital Retirement Plan to eliminate the \$300,000. deficit which the agencies had built up over the last number of years. In future, the Planning and Budgeting Panels working with each of the agencies will insist that our local beneficiary agencies refrain from deficit financing.

## Leadership Development

Charles Wiseman, Chairman

The programme of the Leadership Development Group covers a two-year span during which time the participants meet monthly to study various topics of concern to the community.

During the course of this past year, the Leadership Development Group dealt with such matters as the Holocaust, Jewish education, Soviet immigration, the United Jewish Appeal and Budget and Allocations. In addition the members of the group were placed on various boards and committees as observers. During their second year with the group, the members will have the opportunity to observe a different board or committee.

Following their two years in the programme, members will be in a position as committed members of the community to make a meaningful contribution in the area of their choice. Many of our present communal leaders are former members of the Leadership Development Group and it is our present participants to whom we look for future leadership. Accordingly I would appreciate receiving the name of any person who wishes to get involved in our local Jewish community.

I would like to thank the various organizations which have accepted observers on their boards and the individuals who have spoken at our various sessions.



Ted Comet, Director of International Affairs & Leadership Development for the Council of Jewish Federations, addresses a meeting of the Leadership Development Group.



## Religious & Inter-Synagogue Affairs Committee

Moe Litwack, Chairman

The Committee met together with Rabbis, synagogue representatives and members of the Ottawa Chevra Kadisha on June 19 and July 31, 1980.

In keeping with Jewish tradition, it is desirable for a Shomer tb be with the body of the deceased until burial. The Rabbis described the halacha on the subject and endorsed the idea of using the family as the first resort and undertook to suggest to families that they sit with the body the night before and the morning of the day of the funeral.

If the family is unable to provide enough shomrim, the synagogue to which the deceased belonged would be asked to provide shomrim. Where not enough can be secured from the above two sources, the Chevra Kadisha will be asked to use the master list to

obtain shomrim.

The Rabbis were asked to prepare lists of members of their synagogues who would serve as shomrim. As well, several notices in the Bulletin requested volunteers. There has been some positive response and a list has been submitted to the Chevra Kadisha. However, more volunteers would be desirable.

The Rabbis also agreed to issue a joint statement on the Jewish attitude towards autopsy as well as the possibility of arranging a gathering of hospital personnel so that the Rabbis could indicate to such staffs Jewish attitudes towards death and dying.

It was also agreed to repeat in the Bulletin from time to time the steps to be taken in the event of a death in a family.

## Hillel Lodge

Dan Doctor, President



— Five geriatric chairs donated by the Ottawa South Kiwanis Club.

— The addition of a new front lounge for our residents by Hillel Lodge Women's Auxiliary.

— The remodelling and relocating of our new general and administrative offices.

— The start of refurbishing and improvement of other non-conforming parts of our facility — such as the installations of smoke detectors dovetailed into our fire-alarm system.

— These and the implementation of other additional items are meaningful in improving the comfort and safety of our residents.

### 1981-1982 Executive and Board of Directors

**Executive:** Immediate Past President, Dr. M.R. Berke; Co-Presidents, Dan Doctor and T.P. Metrick, Q.C.; Vice-Presidents, Sylvia Goldblatt and M. Sidney Green; Treasurer, Dennis Newton; Recording Secretary, Maynard Kriger; Corresponding Secretary, Gdalyah Rosenfeld; Special Funding Chairman, William Grossman; Historian, Sarah Green; Advisory Council, T.P. Metrick, Q.C., Dr. M. Ralph Berke and Dan Doctor.

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## Dror-Habonim -Camp Gesher

Harry Goldstein, Chairman  
Shaul Weber, Director

The Dror Zionist Youth Movement is affiliated with the political party Mifleget Ha Avodah in Israel and the Labour Zionist Alliance in North America.

Dror-Habonim, as it is most commonly known, operates in many cities across Canada and the United States. Internationally, Dror and Habonim, are merging to become one united youth movement. Under the new United Kibbutz movement, both youth movements will become one, with one symbol and one goal — aliyah to Israel.

Dror-Habonim Ottawa, runs programs every Friday night at the Dror-Habonim Moadon at 1547 Chatelain. These activities include such topics as Zionism, Judaism, Kibbutz, as well as social programming. Some of the programs included a Purim Carnival, a Third Seder, Chanukah Party, Israel Awareness and skating and tobogganning.

The people who run the peulot (programs) are called Madrichim. On every second Sunday, a program is run for the madrichim by our Israeli Shaliach, Shaul Weber. Some of these programs include a presentation on the problem in the Golani Heights and a discussion on the Camp David peace talks.

Dror-Habonim is an active member of Ottawa's Teen Council. It has participated in mass community programs such as Chanukah candle-lighting services, a Yom Hashoah Seminar, the Community Purim Carnival as well as Teen Council's Social activities.

Dror-Habonim for the second time in as many years has provided for the community "Café Dlengoff" during the Arts Alive program. It also provided its services for the running of the Yom Ha' Atzmaut program for children at the J.C.C. involving a "Trip to Israel".

Dror-Habonim runs many programs in conjunction with its

sister cities Montreal and Toronto. Three weekend seminars have taken place over the last year involving such topics as the merger, Camp Gesher, AZYF Seminar in Toronto and Israeli one year programs (i.e. Ulpan). It also participated in the East Coast Habonim Winter Seminar at Lebanon, New Jersey. Twenty-five Ottawans met with people from Toronto, Montreal, New York, Boston, Washington, and Philadelphia.

Dror-Habonim's chanichim range from 9 to 15 years of age. The madrichim are 16 years and up. It runs on a committed group of individuals interested in Israel and Judaism and their willingness to transmit their learnings and feelings to others.

The Dror-Habonim Youth Movements in Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal run a summer camp, Camp Gesher. This year, over 60 youngsters will be going to Camp Gesher from Ottawa.

Camp Gesher is located near Cloyne, Ontario off Highway 7 in the Land O' Lakes area. This summer, Camp Gesher has expanded itself through a new Recreation Hall, a new laundry and a new cabin.

Camp Gesher is operated by the shlichim (one from each city) in conjunction with the madrichim. Parents of the campers take an active role in the camp through each of the cities' parents committees. Money for the camp is raised through the parents' committees.

Dror-Habonim In the cities, and Camp Gesher, are synonymous in meaning. Camp Gesher is merely a continuation of the movement during the summer months. Both Camp Gesher and Dror-Habonim advocate the same thing, education on the aspects of Israel, Zionism, Kibbutz and Judaism through an active, interesting and enjoyable way.



1980 marked the 15th year (Oct. 1966) in the operation of our 48 bed home. These past 15 years have seen a noticeable change in character of our residential population, so that today, we are caring to a strikingly older and significantly more feeble and disabled resident. The average age of our resident is 81.4 years and is climbing upwards. 31 of our 48 residents require nursing care ranging from 1 1/2 hrs. to over 4 hrs. daily. This necessitated changes in our patterns of programming, techniques of motivation and staffing levels in order to keep up with the unique needs and changing demands of a more impaired resident population. This kind of care is costly.

Resident's fees, government funding, and United Jewish Appeal Allocations were insufficient to cover our accumulated operational deficit of over \$100,000 built up over recent years. Permission was granted by the Vaad Ha'Ir for Hillel Lodge to conduct a city-wide campaign to retire our deficit so that we can continue to maintain our goal of providing quality care to our aged. We are seeking our community encouragement for continued support of Hillel Lodge.

Improvements and progress during 1980:

— The addition of a second century therapeutic whirlpool bath donated by Hillel Lodge Women's Auxiliary.

— The remodelling, addition and refurbishing of our nursing and medical examining room donated by B'nai B'rith Parliament Lodge and the Kiwanis Club of Ottawa.

## Hillel Lodge Women's Auxiliary

Rachel Nadolny, President



whirlpool bath and, secondly, donated and completely furnished a new resident's lounge at the Lodge which provides the residents visual access to passing pedestrian and vehicular traffic on Wurtemburg Street.

The Ladies Auxiliary also plays a major role in organizing and supervising weekly arts and crafts sessions where residents make a variety of handmade articles. Many of these articles are sold by the Auxiliary at its booth at the Annual Book Fair held at the Jewish Community Centre.

The residents very much look forward to an annual picnic which is organized by the Auxiliary and held at the summer home of one of its members.

I would extend a most cordial invitation to the women of Ottawa to join with us in our activities which are all dedicated to the comfort of the residents of Hillel Lodge. The Ladies Auxiliary meets once a month to discuss business but is active seven days a week. If you would like to join us for one, two or more days a week, please contact me.

The Officers and Board of Trustees  
of the Jewish Community Council  
wish you and your families  
a safe and happy summer.

## Jewish Community Centre

Saul Ross, President

Over the past year the J.C.C. Board of Directors, volunteers and professional staff have actively pursued the objective of increasing the quality and range of social, cultural and recreational programs which the Centre offered to the community and to its membership. Intricate structures for programming were developed to enable the Centre to provide direct service to the community and to work cooperatively with other communal groups at an adult level and with all Jewish youth groups at a teen level to ensure effective and efficient service to the community.

### Program Highlights

In addition to the interest group activity for children, teens and adults, this year's program highlights included the spectacular Arts Alive program featuring Jan Pearce and Nobel Laureate Isaac Bashevis Singer; the Health and Fitness Fair with the keynote presentation given by Nathan Pritkin, a well-known dietitian; and the Jewish Music Month program featuring the Dora Wasserman Yiddish Theatre. Over 4,500 people attended both the Arts Alive program and the Health and Fitness Fair. These events resulted in increased visibility and positive community relations in the general Ottawa-Carleton community.

### Preschool Emphasis

The Junior Department programming (ages 1-13) stressed further development of the preschool program. A mother-tot program for children 18 months and younger, k'ton ton and Bitty Gym, Garinim, and Kodaly music were offered. Tween activity also increased with the continuation of the bowling league, baseball league, interest group activity and the socially-oriented Saturday Night Live program.

### Teen Programming Improved

Teen programming improved dramatically with the Centre serv-

ing as the coordinating force for all youth groups. Centre staff provided guidance to the National Capital Council of Jewish Youth, the High School Jewish Students Union. Through the various letters of agreement in which it entered, the Centre provided direct staff support to the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, and the National Conference of Synagogue Youth, providing a source of continuity and direction for these programs. A strong network of service and leadership training has evolved as a result of the Centre's involvement, and teen programming in general has improved.

The Physical Education Department program continued to provide a wide range of activities to promote fitness and social development for all age groups.

### Camping Services Grows

The Camping Services continued in a successful vein with 253 children in attendance in the various camps. 240 children attended in the previous year.

Statistics reflect an overall growth in programming with numerous programs being offered, at the J.C.C. and on an outreach basis in other facilities. Membership statistics indicate an increase over the previous year with 462 units (1,133 people) registered compared to 425 units last year.

None of the programs, activities and services provided by the Centre would be possible without the efforts of many volunteers and without the support and guidance of the professional staff; as a result of the close working relationship between the two, the Centre has maximized the community dollars it has been allocated. As the Centre enters its 30th Anniversary year, it will continue its creative and innovative approach to programming to better serve the community.



## Ottawa Talmud Torah Board

Dr. Charles Freedman, President



The Talmud Torah Board maintains the largest Jewish educational system in the Ottawa-Carleton region. To that end the Board operates and offers:

1. Hillel Academy — a Jewish Day School offering full Hebrew and General Studies programs including French instruction (complying with Ontario Ministry of Education curricula guidelines) from Junior Nursery to Grade 8).
2. The Afternoon School Talmud Torah — a full afternoon Hebrew school. The curriculum offers 6 1/4 hours per week instruction in Hebrew studies to public school students from Kindergarten to Grade 8.
3. The Afternoon Hebrew High School — a 12 credit program of afternoon and evening courses offered to High School students.

4. A Bar Mitzvah program for boys approaching the age of 13 in Hillel Academy and the Afternoon School.
5. A special program of Jewish education for children with learning disabilities.

Five hundred children receive instruction in the Ottawa Talmud Torah Board schools.

### Programs — Hillel Academy

This year Hillel Academy introduced an enriched French program to Grades 7 and 8. The well prepared program proved to be a success and will be continued in the future. The increase in the time devoted to French studies at all grade levels has also proven successful. The school has maintained a stable Hebrew staff and the Jewish and Hebrew studies program at the school has continued at a high level. Due to the demographic distribution of the community, the school conducted a feasibility study on the possibility of opening a third Nursery school in the far West end of the city. As a result of this study, the school has leased the use of the

classroom from the Carleton Board of Education and will be conducting a Junior and Senior Nursery for 25 children at the Graham Park Public School.

The Board has faced severe financial constraints and as a result of meetings with parents and Board deliberations, disbanded the door to door bus transportation system. Some transportation will be provided between the two branches on a "user pay" basis.

The school has continued to participate in major community events and Hillel students have conducted various community service projects including weekly visits to Hillel Lodge. The school continues to face problems with its lack of adequate facilities.

### The Talmud Torah Afternoon School

The Talmud Torah Afternoon School has maintained a steady enrollment and this year in addition to its many programs offered, a Grade 8 class was established. The Talmud Torah Afternoon School continues to conduct a class for children with learning disabilities.

### The Afternoon Hebrew High School

The Afternoon Hebrew High School this year conducted a learning program for teenagers of the community and a formal program was made available to the relevant committees of the Board early in the school year. The upgrading of the High School will be a Board priority in the coming year.

The Ottawa Talmud Torah Board expresses its appreciation to the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir for its support and sincerely hopes that the Vaad will continue to understand the concerns and problems faced by the Ottawa Talmud Torah Board in its endeavours to maintain the high level of education being provided in three languages.



## Foundation for Jewish Education

Martin K. Levinson, Chairman

We are pleased to list hereunder the names of the traditional institutions which solicited funds in Ottawa during the fiscal year ended December 31, 1980 and the amounts raised by each of them:

Diskin Orphans Home	520.00	Ponevez Yeshiva	4,440.00
Centre Yeshiva		Yeshivat Hadarom	931.00
Beth Joseph	189.00	Rabbinical College	
Torath Moshe	364.00	of Canada	4,589.00
Ohel Moshe Diskin	1,078.00	First Mesifta of	
Yeshiva Tifereth Zvi	2,857.00	Canada	448.00
Torath Emeth	1,102.00	Beth Jacob School,	
Beth Joseph Zvi		Montreal	229.00
Dushinsky			
Yeshiva Maor Hagola	1,955.00	33,224.00	
Knesset B'nai Hagola	1,045.00		
Telshe Yeshiva	2,775.00		
Slabodker Yeshiva	1,348.00		
Ner Israel Yeshiva	978.00		
— Toronto			
Mesifta of Long Beach	1,424.00		
Rabbinical Seminary	210.00		
of America			
Hebrew Theological	1,765.00		
College	1,770.00		
Lomza Petach Tikvah	542.00		
Ner Israel Yeshiva			
Baltimore	958.00		
Heichal Hatalmud	1,083.00		
Yeshiva Gedola Merkaz	624.00		
Hatorah			

The Foundation also acts as a transmittal agent for certain institutions. During the year under review, the following funds were handled:

Ponevez Yeshiva	47,016.00
Rabbinical Seminary	
of America	1,187.00
West Coast	
Talmudic Seminary	250.00
Mesifta Tifereth	
Jerusalem	500.00
Hebrew Theological	
College	1,000.00
	49,953.00

The Foundation levies a 5% administration charge. As a transmittal agent, the charge is 3%.



Shmura Matzah baking by Grade 8 students.



At National Conference for Pre-School Teachers.

## Ottawa Modern Jewish School

Norman Barwin, M.D., President

### O.M.J.S. is strong on tradition

The Ottawa Modern Jewish School presently in its 28th operating year has 137 students from 4 year old Kindergarten to Grade Seven from 90 plus families in the Ottawa area.

The school was founded in 1953 on the philosophy that the primary purpose of Jewish education is to develop within the students an appreciation of the unique history and values of the Jewish people. Through such an appreciation, the founders maintained its Jewish existence meaningful and is the survival of the Jews as a distinctive people assured.

### Philosophy

In keeping with this philosophy, today the school places emphasis on Jewish tradition — language, history and culture — and on developing in the child a positive identification with the Jewish people. A staff of professional teachers supplemented by a number of graduate assistants aims through dedicated efforts to create an atmosphere where learning is a joyous experience. In essence *ruach* (spirit), is in large part a key element of the school.

### Cooperative School

We are a cooperative school and thus need committed parental involvement to function. We have an active and talented Board of Directors and various subcommittees most important of which is the Education Committee, under the Chairmanship of Fran Pearl, a vital group of parents who are continually working at improving and expanding curricula.

### Faculty

At present we have 11 qualified teachers, one of whom is a graduate of the school; a principal, Gerald Cammy; and a Vice-Principal Norma Rothman (unpaid position). In addition we have what we consider to be an essential part of our program — seven assistants, all graduates, who help the teachers in the lower grades. Our program includes a music specialist who instructs the teachers as to how music should be presented to the children throughout the year.

### Curriculum

The curriculum of the school is under continual review by its principal, vice-principal and sub-committees. The curriculum has been developed in minute detail and a new updated syllabus is available from Fran Pearl the chairman of the education committee.

We are the only school in the Ottawa area which offers Yiddish courses. Faculty attended continuing education and teaching methodology courses regularly.

### Evaluation of Curriculum

It should be mentioned that Dr. Edmond Lipsitz, Director of Education for the Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region, has alluded to the fact that "parts of the O.M.J.S. curriculum are being used as a model by other Hebrew schools in Ontario."

### Parent Teacher Interviews

These are held formally twice a year although the Principal and staff are available at all times for discussion. Informal contact is made at a Wine and Cheese party at the beginning of the academic year.

### Remedial Classes

The system of remedial classes introduced in 1976 will continue next year. This is done on a one-to-one basis to enable students who have problems in particular areas of the curriculum.

### Bar-Mitzvah/Bat-Mitzvah

The O.M.J.S. arranges for the necessary instruction for Bar or



Bat Mitzvah. The student attends the regular classes of the school and receives Bar/Bat Mitzvah instructors from a qualified person outside class hours. Six students had Bar Mitzvahs.

### Budget and Allocations

The Vaad have now established a Panel on Jewish Education working with the UJA as a special planning, budget and allocations Committee. Len Heitin, our second Vice-President and Norman Barwin, President will represent the school. B'nai B'rith Lodges also contribute to the school and has helped develop the audio-visual department as well as special educational projects.

### Special Projects

#### I. Holocaust Programme

A special course on the Holocaust given by Principal, Gerry Cammy, to Grade Seven was introduced as part of the course. Students were required to see the film "Judgement at Nuremberg" and attended the exhibit on the Holocaust at the Jewish Community Centre. A special session for teachers, on the method of teaching the history and related circumstances of the Holocaust was conducted by Professor Cammy. Grade Six students represented the school at the Holocaust Memorial Service in June and recited a poem in Yiddish.

#### II. Graduation Class Field Trip

The second project is a trip for the Graduating Class — this year to Montreal where students visited places of Jewish interest such as the Sayde Bronfman Centre, the East Side where Jews first settled, the Montreal Jewish Public Library and, a bagel factory. The Principal, Jerry Cammy, undertook this task and once again his outstanding ability and enthusiasm comes through.

#### III. Chanukah Purim Pesach

On each occasion, the school assembled to celebrate the particular holiday in the traditional manner. The Seder was covered by a reporter from the Ottawa Citizen which carried an article and photograph.

### Community Activities

#### I. Yom Ha'Tzmaut

Our school continues to take part in community celebrations and activities. Both the afternoon and evening Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations were attended by our students who also contributed an abundance of artwork to the decorations at the Jewish Community Centre. Classes were taken to the children's activities at the Centre during Jewish Music Month.

#### II. Walkathon

The Walkathon is integrated into the school's program every year: students report to school. This year a banner presented by B'nai B'rith was carried by students and teachers and, like last year, a school plaque is being presented to the grade with the highest percentage of participants in the Walkathon. Over 150 students, parents and staff participated.

#### Registration

Registration will take place on September 6, at the Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street.

#### Inquiries

Inquiries about the school are to be directed to Registrars Diana Heitin (592-1260) or Bertha Leckie (235-0612).

Any parents or group of parents wishing to speak to the principal or set up an information evening in the summer months are encouraged to contact Professor Gerald Cammy, Principal (829-1284).

## Temple Israel Religious School

Teena Hendelman, Chairman

Temple Israel Religious School has completed a very successful year with 150 students in attendance. Grades K-10 and student teachers attend religious school on Sunday mornings. There are additional Hebrew classes on Wednesdays for grades 4-7, as well as an optional Wednesday class for grade 8 and above.

The school offers a full curriculum of Hebrew and religious studies, Jewish history and culture, with an emphasis on Liberal-Reform Jewish identification. Students are helped to feel a part of their school, their Temple and the Jewish community.

The academic year 1980-81 saw many changes in the school. In particular, we welcomed our new

Director of Education, Rabbi Sanford T. Marcus and our new Vice-Principal, Mrs. Ruth Marcus. They have introduced salutary changes in the curriculum and administration of the school.

Special programs this year included afternoon workshops at Chanukah and Purim, Student Conference Day, Model Seder, dramatic and musical programs prepared by the students and leading of Sabbath Services by each grade of the school.

Temple Israel Religious School has benefited from our high quality teaching staff, our reliable and exuberant volunteers, our eager student-teachers and our dedicated members of the school committee.



The Grade 10 Confirmation Class visit a Matza Bakery in the Crown Heights Section of Brooklyn on their recent visit to New York.

## Star of David Hebrew School

Norman Lomow, Chairman

The Star of David Hebrew School offers a traditional program of Hebrew knowledge and Jewish customs and ritual. The school's goal is that our children understand and treasure the uniqueness of their identity, and that they have the background and knowledge that will enable them to conduct themselves, and be comfortable as, practicing Jews in their adult years. To this end, the curriculum emphasizes oral and written Hebrew from kindergarten onwards. Familiarity with the daily prayers and services is achieved through constant usage of the *Siddur*. The festivals which are so much a part of our home and religious lives are appropriately taught and celebrated. Annual Chanukah, Purim and Passover programs are held as well as other services and programs for the children and their families.

The synagogue is presented as the focal point of religious life and is emphasized by the situation of the school in the Machzikei Hadass Synagogue at 2310 Virginia Drive. The school was established in 1976 to service the educational needs of families in the eastern and southern parts of Ottawa.

1981/82 classes will range from Kindergarten to grade VI. Grades I to VI are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and kindergarten on Sunday morning from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Enrollment has grown from 18 to 63 students in the 1980/81 school year.

The Star of David Hebrew School

prides itself on its concern for each child. Teachers work with individualized programs tailored to each child's strengths and weaknesses. As a cooperative school, parents participate fully in all aspects of its administration. The Star of David is expanding yearly, and now offers Bar Mitzvah instruction to its pupils. Our growing numbers attest to our success in making traditional Judaism relevant to the lives of our students.

Curriculum covered includes: **Reading and Writing** and **Introduction to Oral Usage of the Hebrew Language; Laws and Customs** — Holidays are emphasized with plays, stories, art work, singing, choral reading and outings when the occasion arises; **Religious Studies** — Chumash — History — Siddur; Siddur is used daily to better acquaint the children with the services of the synagogue; Chumash and History suitable to the level of their understanding — World Jewish History up to the present; Israel — the State, Its Institutions and Role in Jewish Life; Holocaust — at each class' level of understanding.

The school is funded through tuition fees, the United Jewish Appeal, B'nai B'rith Lodge No. 885, the Multiculturalism Program and private donations. The Star of David Hebrew School has become an important entity in the Ottawa Jewish Community.

"**PARTICIPATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT**" is our Magic Formula

## Jewish Social Services Agency

L. Gerald Levitz, President  
Elaine Rabin, Executive Director



1980-81 has been a most significant year for our Agency, incorporated on January 1, 1980 with a mandate to: a) encourage families in the development and maintenance of a sound family life; b) to promote growth and a return to an optimal level of functioning for those who are experiencing stress; c) to prevent social dysfunction within individuals and families.

### Membership in United Way

On Tuesday, April 14, 1981 the Jewish Social Services Agency officially became a member of the United Way of Ottawa-Carleton and eligible for funding. It was with considerable pride that the Agency accepted the invitation to join this group, which is extremely selective in offering membership, as the successor to the Hebrew Benevolent Society which was one of the oldest members of the United Way. We have assumed responsibility for the activities of the Hebrew Benevolent Society.

### Counselling Services

J.S.S.A. offers counselling services by professional social workers to families and individuals experiencing difficulties with marital, parent/child or individual relationships. Plans are underway for a workshop on "The Child in the Single Parent Family." Additionally, the Agency, in the counselling element, has been actively working with a group of interested parents in establishing a home for retarded adolescents/adults where holidays and kashruth are observed. Similarly, responding to a group of concerned individuals, the Agency has begun to be involved with teenagers who have for one reason or another left home and are "on the street."

### Services to the Elderly

A variety of outreach services are available to the elderly, funded in part by a grant from the Ministry of Community and Social Services and the City of Ottawa. These include:

**Teleshalom:** A daily telephone reassurance program directed to elderly persons living alone. Over the past year, 22 clients have been served by 24 volunteers comprising 3,500 calls.

**Telecheck:** A telephone program for those who wish to call the Agency rather than be called. An emergency back-up alert system goes into effect if the individuals have not checked in.

**Friendly Visiting:** Trained volunteers visit elderly clients on a regular basis, to ensure the welfare of the client, to provide companionship and to assist occasionally with shopping in winter. Currently twenty-two volunteer/client relationships exist.

**Shopping Service:** Transportation to a major shopping area, once every two weeks, in the east end of

town, assistance in shopping and return to their homes. The transportation bus takes between 10-12 seniors per trip and is donated courtesy of B'nai B'rith Lodge 885. The plans for the future include expanding this service to the west end.

**Wheels-to-Meals:** A nutritional luncheon coupled with an entertaining program is provided twice per month at the Jewish Community Centre since June 1980. 1,455 Wheels-to-Meals lunches have been served.

**Association for Lively Leisure:** A group of pre-retired and retired individuals meet every second Thursday at the Agudat Israel for a stimulating activity as well as lunch. There have been 427 meals served to date at this program.

In brief, the Jewish Social Services Agency has provided close to 1,900 meals to seniors since January 1980.

### Jewish Immigrant Aid Society

Our agency has accepted a mandate from the Jewish Community Council for local J.I.A.S. activities. This past year J.I.A.S. has seen twenty new families settle in Ottawa. Some of the highlights have been the beginning of the Zelikow Club. Examples of programs offered are: a) the Canadian BNA Act and democracy; b) how to complete tax returns for the first time; c) insurance, personal and property.

J.I.A.S. newcomers have been welcomed to the area synagogues for all the major holidays and have had a special Shabbat in their honour. We are currently seeking funding from the Government of Canada to expand our immigrant resettlement services.

Currently the Jewish Social Service Agency has a staff of five, four of whom work part-time. We are located in separate offices at 151 Chapel Street. Funding comes from the United Jewish Appeal, the Province of Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services, the City of Ottawa and the United Way.

The Agency would like to acknowledge with thanks the generous financial support received from B'nai B'rith Ottawa Lodge, B'nai B'rith Parliament Lodge and the National Council of Jewish Women.

Finally, the Agency would like to acknowledge the efforts of the many volunteers and members of the board of directors who have given generously of their time and without whose help we could not function. Similarly, we would like to express our appreciation to the officers of the Jewish Community Council for their patience and encouragement in growth of our Agency.

## Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review

Cynthia Engel, Editor



The care and feeding of the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin and Review has been in my hands since the first issue of October, 1980.

I am delighted to report that over these several months we have met, without fail, the most challenging task facing the editor of this little periodical: that of producing it on schedule every second week. The Bulletin has been ready and mailed like clockwork every other Thursday. Unfortunately, it is not always delivered the very next day. On that score, however, we take no blame: the unreliability of Her Majesty's Postal Service continues to plague our very sincere efforts.

This past year a new feature was added to our regular format: a Community Calendar which is maintained by the Women's Federation of the Jewish Community Council. Positioned on the back page of each edition, it has proved a handy reference for our readership and helped to avoid several otherwise potentially calamitous situations such as double bookings of events.

As well, we introduced a new column headlined "View from the Pulpit", to which each of our city's five congregational rabbis contribute on a rotating basis.

The Bulletin in its present form evolved as an alternative to the bar-

rage of individual mailings emanating from the 151 Chapel Street facility to the Ottawa Jewish Community. From its inception, the paper was welcomed as the ideal solution to the problem of reams of stationery and horrific postal expenses. Over the years, it has continually carried pertinent community news, reviews and announcements.

The Bulletin is now ready to try its wings at being somewhat more diversified. Essentially the paper is a Vaad organ and community convenience and as such does its job well. However, in addition to continuing with its present content, the potential is there to provide our readership with a greater variety of newsworthy items.

As well, the Bulletin will aim to pull its own financial weight through increased advertising. (It would, in fact, be an excellent advertising vehicle for any number of Ottawa-based businesses and services). To that end, we are presently seeking an advertising sales representative whose remuneration would be based on percentage commission.

It has been a rewarding — even a fun — few months editing the Bulletin. I look forward to the coming year.

## Shalom Welcome Service

Chuck and Bonnie Merovitz, Co-Chairmen

The Shalom Welcome Service, now in its fifth year, enjoyed an active year. Many new volunteers were involved this year, many of whom had themselves been welcomed by the Service. Over sixty families were contacted this year by the committee.

The function of the service is firstly to give a warm welcome to newcomers to our community and secondly to acquaint the newcomers with the many organizations and activities available within the Ottawa Jewish Community and within Ottawa itself. It is felt that a properly informed and welcomed family or individual will integrate faster and better into the Jewish Community.

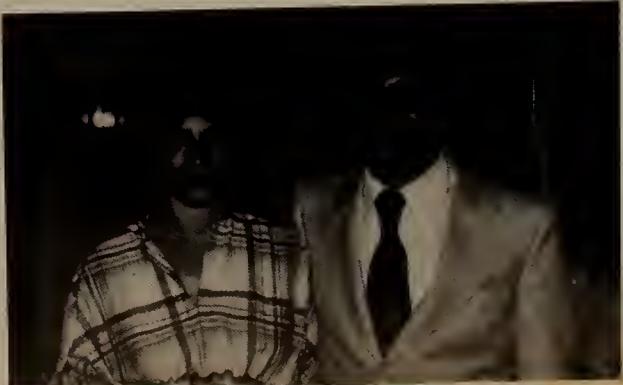
This year, recognizing the fact that the city and our community has grown considerably, the geographical boundaries were redefined to facilitate contact with the newcomers.

The committee operated in the following manner. Once the Service was made aware of the existence of a newcomer, a volunteer living in the area would contact and arrange a visit with the

newcomer. The volunteer would answer the newcomers' questions concerning Ottawa and bring a bottle of wine.

In March, a very successful wine and cheese reception was held at the Jewish Community Centre. Approximately one-hundred people attended the event. A new dimension was added with the attendance of a large group of Russian immigrants. The party was a success due to the endeavours of Freda Frankel, the Vaad's executive assistant, and the hard work by the many volunteers. All who attended enjoyed the entertainment provided by the Aviva Duo.

The service has proven itself to be worthwhile as many people are pleasantly surprised to learn of the existence and functions of this committee. It is beneficial to both the volunteers and newcomers as friendships are often the result of the initial contact. The welcome that a newcomer receives leaves him with the impression that we are a warm and open Jewish Community.



## State of Israel Bonds

Morton Taller, General Chairman

On the eve of our 1981 Israel Bond Campaign, I am pleased to report to the Ottawa Jewish Community that the 1980 Campaign resulted in purchases of \$898,750 in Bonds in the area serviced by the Ottawa office. These commitments were obtained from 972 individuals and contributed to the \$422 million in Bonds and other securities sold world-wide.

In Ottawa alone, a total of \$708,500 in commitments were obtained from 879 individuals. The record results achieved were due in large measure to the dedicated efforts of a small group of individuals who served on the campaign committee and who devoted a substantial amount of time and effort to the task. I am particularly indebted to my Vice-Chairmen, Sol Kaiman, Ernie Potechin, Sam Taller and Herbert Zagerman and to Gdalyah Rosenfeld who without formal title, served as an advisor to the campaign committee, for their devotion.

The initial function, a Pace-Setter's Cocktail Reception was held on August 20 at the home of Ambassador and Mrs. Yeshayahu Anug. It was preceded by a Parlour Meeting at my home. More than 25% of the total of the campaign was obtained at these events.

On August 24 and 25, General Chaim Laskov, former Chief of Staff of the Israel Defence Forces and its present Ombudsman, participated in several pre-Holy Day Receptions sponsored by Congregations Beth Shalom, Agudath Israel and Temple Israel.

On Yom Kippur Day, the High Holy Day Appeal was held in the six Synagogues, resulting in increased sales. We are grateful to the Rabbis for the strong appeals they made and to the Chairmen of the Bond Committees, at each Synagogue. Serving as Bond Chairmen were Dr. Sidney Kardash at Agudath Israel; Charles Wiseman at Beth Shalom; Arnold Miller in conjunction with Steven Rubin at Machzikei Hadas; Dr. Mark August at Temple Israel; Irving Wolfe at Young Israel; Lyon Gilbert at Adath Shalom.

A Closing Brunch was held on December 14 at the residence of Ambassador and Mrs. Anug, resulting in a substantial number of payments for Bonds previously committed as well as new purchases.

During the 1980 Campaign, a closer working relationship was developed with the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir. I am grateful to Sol Shinder, its president for his active support.

The use of State of Israel Bonds for the purpose of paying commitments to Israeli-based institutions increased substantially during the year and more and more individuals are availing themselves of the opportunity of using Bonds as income tax deductible contributions.

It has been suggested that the sale of Israel Bonds bring no benefit to the Jewish Community of Ottawa. The same argument may be advanced for Hadassah-WIZO, the Jewish National Fund, the Canadian Zionist Federation, Hebrew University, Technion, the Weizmann Institute, Bar Ilan, Haifa, Ben Gurion and Tel Aviv Universities, Pioneer Women Na'amat, ORT, Mizrachi and the many other Israeli-based groups. Only if Ottawa is an island cut off from the rest of the Jewish people can this argument have any validity.



## State of Israel Bonds Women's Division

Myrna Potechin, Chairman



The truth is that without these institutions and organizations and without Israel Bonds, there would be little, if any, identification with Israel and its growth, culturally, politically and economically. The fact is that Israel Bonds have provided more than \$5.2 billion to Israel's development in housing, industry and construction of roads, hydro-electric plants and the myriad of activities that has enabled Israel to have, with the exception of oil imports, a favourable trade balance of exports over imports. The Ottawa Jewish community stands stronger today because of its support of Israel and gains in strength from its identification with and support of Israeli-based institutions and organizations.

As our Israel Bond Campaign came to a close, we were met with a new challenge for funds to assist in the construction of the most ambitious project ever undertaken by the State of Israel. As this report is being read, work has already begun on the construction of the Mediterranean-Dead Sea Canal, with the laying of the corner-stone on May 28. At a cost of \$800 million, Israel will build this new canal which, with the natural drop of water from the Mediterranean to the Dead Sea of some 1500 feet, will provide hydro-electric power sufficient to meet 30% of Israel's needs, provide irrigation for the Negev and revitalize the Dead Sea, which has been disappearing at the rate of two feet a year.

To assist in this vast project, the Israel Bond Organization has been assigned the responsibility of providing \$100 million "seed money" to begin construction. Already more than \$30 million in additional purchases have been made by a group of Founders of the Canal, each purchasing \$100,000 or more over and above their normal yearly purchase.

As we embark on our 1981 Israel Bond Campaign, we are conscious of the enormous needs of Israel to strengthen its economy. We pray that the unrest in the Middle East and the threatening posture of Syria and the other Arab nations will be eased and that Israel will be allowed to build its economy without resorting to armed conflict.

Within the next few months we hope to solicit every family in Ottawa for the purchase of Bonds. We trust that increasing numbers will share their good fortune with Israel by lending Israel as large an amount of funds as they can afford, knowing that their low cost loan will help build Israel's export trade and strengthen its economy so that it may meet any challenges it may be called upon to face.

As we enter the 30th year of the Israel Bond Organization, I am pleased to report that the Women's Division achieved a new record during the 1980 campaign. The sale of \$173,000 in Bonds helped bring the accumulated sales figures to the women of Ottawa to over \$4 million. Our efforts and those of other men and women in those parts of the free world where Israel Bonds are sold have resulted in lending Israel more than \$5.2 billion. A substantial portion has already been repaid and at no time did Israel ever fail to meet an interest payment or a repayment on maturity.

In her autobiography, *My Life*, Golda Meir recalled the origins of the Bond programme and reflected upon a new relationship that was required between the State of Israel and Diaspora Jewry. She stated:

"Though I begrimed every minute that I was away from Israel, I went on with my fund-raising speeches abroad, travelling often to Europe, the United States and South America. But fundraising, too, had to be suited to our new circumstances. The United Jewish Appeal had become a magnificent instrument for the raising of money; but if it was still an appeal, and the money was still "gift" money, I had been troubled for years by the picture of a Jewish state that relied on charitable funds, which, apart from everything else, could never begin to meet our growing needs for development capital. I wasn't an economist any more than I was a construction engineer, but just as I didn't need to be able to use a slide rule in order to understand how high a kitchen sink should be, so I didn't require years of experience as a financier in order to know that a falloff in philanthropic funds was inevitable."

But it wasn't only the amount of money that worried me; it was also the kind of money we were getting. It seemed to me that a continued dependence on philanthropy violated the most elementary concepts of

Zionism, of self-reliance and self-labour, to say nothing of national independence, and I began to think of other possible sources of funds, sources that would make world Jewry fuller partners in the Zionist enterprise and in the Ingathering of the exiles. After my 1948 visits to the United States, I had corresponded steadily on this subject in dozens of letters and cables with Henry Montor, and whenever he and I and Eliezer Kaplan (Israel's first minister of finance) met, we talked in depth about the feasibility of entering into a new economic activity that would express itself in the floating of an Israel bond issue."

This summer, a gala celebration of the 30th anniversary of Israel Bonds will be held in Israel at which the President and Prime Minister will be joined by hundreds of Israel Bond supporters and celebrities from all parts of the world including Elie Wiesel, Hal Linden, Jan Peerce, Roberta Peters and Shelley Winters. Anyone interested in participating in the most exciting visit to Israel you'll ever make, may obtain further information from the Bond office.

Our 1980 record campaign began with a luncheon in August hosted by Muriel Ginsberg at her home at which General Chaim Laskov was the guest speaker and concluded with a brunch in December at the residence by Ambassador and Mrs. Anug. The intervening period was filled with personal canvassing, appeals at women's organization meetings, a telephone and participation in the Yom Kippur Appeal in the Synagogues.

I regret that in spite of our efforts and the efforts of the dedicated Bond Chairmen of the women's organizations, a majority of the women in our community have not yet identified with Israel through the Bond program. It is my hope that during the 1981 Campaign, the importance of Israel Bonds will become increasingly known and that many more women in Ottawa will begin to assume their share of responsibility for Israel's economic strength and well-being.

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BUILD  
PEACE**



## Ottawa Histadrut Campaign

Josef Lebovic, Chairman



The Chairman and Campaign Committee conducted their 58th Annual Histadrut Campaign during the months of December and January.

Several well-attended meetings were held to organize our Campaign and we wish to extend our thanks to the many canvassers from the Histadrut League and the Pioneer Women Na'amat.

A Blitz Telephone Canvass was organized by the Pioneer Women on Sunday mornings. This proved to be most successful and was well-received by our contributors.

This year our Campaign was dedicated to Dror-Camp Gesher and Israel. Anyone visiting Israel can survey with pride the many fine Institutions bearing the proud title

of the "Ottawa Jewish Community" — the Medical Centre in Herzlia, a Cultural Centre in Petach Tikvah, the Youth Centre in Jerusalem, the Jewish Heritage Project in East Jerusalem and now the Ottawa Canada Dental Clinic in Dimona which was completed this year.

A number of perpetual scholarships and bursaries have been donated to children from underprivileged families to enable them to enrol in Amal Vocational Training Schools.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our thanks to the many contributors who have given generously to make this project a success.

## B'nai B'rith Parliament Lodge 2159

Chuck Polowin, President

I feel certain that when the history of this Lodge is written we will find in the record some of the events which took place in the past year. It was a year in which Parliament Lodge raised more money for charity than any other year in its history. As a consequence, the Jewish Community, the State of Israel as well as a significant number of charitable institutions have benefitted from our fundraising. I truly believe that in the past year, Parliament Lodge has helped make this community a better place to live in.

While we as a Lodge made our contribution to the non-Jewish community from which most of us derive our livelihood, we have not said no to a single Jewish cause. We made our contribution to U.J.A., Israel Bonds and the staff room of the Yad Eliahu mother and child care clinic on the outskirts of Tel Aviv will soon, when completed bear a plaque to the dedication of Parliament Lodge B'nai B'rith.

In the area of Community Volunteer Services, our members continue to comfort the aged, the blind, the handicapped and the infirmed. I am proud to say also, that our Lodge has volunteered to assist in the financing and programming of the Canadian Summer Special Olympics for the mentally handicapped which will take place here in Ottawa this summer. Many of us are already out selling badges in order to raise money for

the event.

In the field of human rights, I am proud to say that one of our members has been the spearhead in the organization and in the chairing of a League for Human Rights cabinet which is made up of members of other Chapters and Lodges of B'nai B'rith in Ottawa. The dramatic rise in anti-semitism in the world today leaves no community immune from its frightening implications. This cabinet will serve to protect the rights and dignity of not just Jews, but other minority groups and, I am sure will make a significant contribution to this community.

While we have not had an active Soviet Jewry Committee we have lobbied on behalf of our Soviet brethren and sent Jewish greeting cards to many refusniks and other Jews who are being held captive in Soviet prisons. I am hopeful that our work in this area will increase in the coming months. We have actively promoted and given financial assistance to Jewish Youth groups through our assistance to B.B.Y.O. and J.S.U.-Hillel on the college campuses, the high schools and the Jewish Community Centre.

We have been the leaders in our assistance to the Jewish Social Services Agency in the community and have helped to promote the Jewish ideals of charity to whoever is in need.



## Pioneer Women Na'Amat

Ethel Malek, President

Once again, Pioneer Women Na'Amat has been actively involved within its own organization as well as the Ottawa Jewish Community.

This year Ottawa Council hosted the National Board meeting and the forty participants were actively involved in many "buzz sessions". A Shalom Luncheon highlighted the meeting and among the honoured guests were Judy Erola, Minister of State (Mines); Ursula Appolloni, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defense; Aideen Nicholson, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs; Celine Hervieux Payette, Parliamentary Secretary to the Solicitor General, Mrs. Anug, wife of the Israeli Ambassador to Canada, and Evelyn Pionk, consultant for the Status of Women. It was at this session that our national president gave a stirring description of some of the goals and aspirations of Pioneer Women of Canada.

Our main project, under the chairmanship of Claire Bercovitch, is the Ottawa Jewish Reference Telephone Directory and a great deal of effort goes into this all year round.

A new fund raiser this year was the Perpetual Scholarship of

\$2500, raised in honour of the 70th Birthday of Sylvia Shinder.

As in former years, Jewish National Fund is always supported by our membership and we are indeed proud that Canadian Pioneer Women is a Trustee for the Gall-Canada Project. This year, Claire Bercovitch undertook the chairmanship of the Tu B'Shvat Telethon, which was very successful.

Once again, our members worked on the Histadrut Campaign with the monies this year earmarked not only for our Israeli needs, but for those here as well, at Camp Gesher, a Dror-Habonim camp, for our youth.

When the United Jewish Appeal campaign commences, the chaverot of Pioneer Women are always involved in this fund-raising project.

To close our season this year, we had our Annual Child Rehabilitation Tea, celebrating the Year of the Disabled, at the home of Mrs. Sydney Greenberg, on June 7.

We look forward to next fall when our season opens with a National Convention "Vive la Difference", at Chateau de l'Aeroport, Mirabel, Quebec, on September 13-15, 1981.

## Camp B'nai B'rith

Lou Eisenberg, Chairman



season.

I am proud to report that although our scholarship budget reached an all-time high, no needy child was turned away from our camp.

Scholarships will continue in the same format as in the past, and again no needy child will be turned away.

We bid a sad farewell to Sid Shapiro last year who had served Camp B'nai B'rith as Financial Secretary and guiding hand for 33 years.

Upon Sid's retirement, we were fortunate in recruiting a dedicated and capable Camp Board member to take the position of Financial Secretary. I am pleased to announce our own Bob Greenberg now fills this position, and he is doing an outstanding job.

It has been my pleasure to serve Camp B'nai B'rith of Ottawa as Chairman for 1979-1981. I have been very fortunate in working these past two years with excellent members, and especially an excellent and co-operative Vice-Chairman, Leon Bronstein. I wish to offer my congratulations to Leon, who will succeed me next fall. I know the camp will continue to flourish.

## B'nai B'rith Women's Chapter No. 421

Minnie Cohen, President

Ottawa Chapter No. 421 of B'nai B'rith Women is an integral part of an international women's organization devoted to philanthropy and community service work.

Our Chapter now has 160 members and we are actively engaged in many community service projects. Our members staff the Civic Hospital Coffee Shop one Thursday in every month. They also serve refreshments and provide bedside care once a month at a Red Cross Mobile Blood Donor Clinic. We conduct bingos for the entertainment of the blind at the C.N.I.B. and for the Perley Hospital residents. We show our concern for senior citizens by helping out once a month at a Senior Citizen's luncheon at the Jewish Community Centre and by providing bingos and other forms of entertainment for the residents of Hillel Lodge. The photograph below depicts one such occasion.

Our members are also actively engaged in fund-raising. Part of the monies raised go to support local charities but the bulk of it goes to District to help support overall B'nai B'rith Women's philanthropic projects such as a Children's Home and a Group House in Israel (modern residential treatment centres for emotionally disturbed boys).

Our main fund-raising event is our "Blossom Tea" held every year in June. In connection with this event we publish an invitation booklet containing the names of "sponsors" and "donors" who pay for each insert. Our June, 1980 "Blossom Tea" was financially the most successful one ever.

Last October we undertook a new fund-raising project, namely the serving of refreshments at the "Arts Alive" affair at the Jewish Community Centre and a goodly sum was realized from this. We also raised a considerable amount from our "mini bazaar" held at the St. Laurent Shopping Centre Mall for four days in February.

The two local women's chapters and three men's lodges have formed a co-ordinating committee to co-operate in the planning and execution of large service and fund-raising activities. Last October, our joint effort was our first Blood Donor Clinic at the Jewish Community Centre. Our chapter's contribution took the form of providing refreshments and patient after-care to blood donors. The Third Annual Bowl-A-Thon (like a Walkathon) put on last January by our B'nai B'rith family was again a huge success and the main local beneficiary was the Children's Hospital.



## Congregation Beth Shalom

Daniel Kimmel, President

The Synagogue year of Beth Shalom has been a very active one, with much progress made in our Satellite Synagogue — Beth Shalom West which continues to grow and gather momentum, with regular Sabbath services that attract solid attendance by satellite members and their children.

In the last few months there have been several successful programs, new members, and innovative ideas. The news magazine "Itoneinu" (meaning "Our Paper") has already appeared twice, with interesting feature articles by a variety of people. Several Rabbis have been interviewed for the position of Assistant Rabbi of Beth Shalom, and a feasibility study, headed by Irving Aaron, has been commissioned to investigate options and possibilities for a more permanent facility for the satellite in the West End.

Prior to the High Holy Days, the Memorial Tablet Dedication Program and Selichot Service took place, attracting a considerable number of our congregants.

Youth Sabbaths continue to be a regular feature in our yearly program — these are always highly successful and usually followed by a Congregational Kiddush, which form part of the Beth Shalom Social and Family gatherings, thus maintaining the friendly and congenial atmosphere of which we are so proud.

Chevra Mishnayes Sabbath and Hebrew Free Loan Sabbath are held annually and these too are followed by a Congregational Kiddush.

Other special Sabbaths held during the year include Remembrance Day Sabbath, to which the Ministers of the Armed Forces and the Jewish Members of Parliament are invited. A Soviet Jewry Sabbath was held early this year to which 25 Russian families were invited. It was a very poignant and memorable Sabbath culminating in some of the Russians joining our Synagogue, and thereby affiliating formally with the Jewish Community. These new members are a conspicuous part of the more than sixty new families that have joined Beth Shalom during the past year.

During the year a special weekend was set aside for Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gordon. It was a weekend of celebration — Saturday was a Youth Sabbath with many of Mr. Gordon's students performing the service, as well as Mr. Gordon having Maftir, and a Congregational Kiddush in their honour followed the service. On the Sunday everyone was invited to a Brunch, followed by formal presentations to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gordon, which included the establishment of a Foundation Fund, and a specially enlarged portrait of themselves. We give alongside a photograph of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon with their family.

Beth Shalom Family Brunch continued to be held on every first Sunday in the month and everyone is invited to attend. We have had a variety of Guest Speakers and other forms of entertainment, which is a source of enjoyment to one and all, and attendance to them has been phenomenal. For the final Brunch of the season, Rita and Arthur Hornstein, two talented people will be entertaining us with some favourite songs from Broadway Shows, making it a grand finale prior to our summer break. At one of the Sunday Brunches a formal presentation was made to Mr. Benji Zbar for his Cantorial assistance at our Satellite Synagogue during the High Holy Days, and for his services to our main Synagogue on Chapel Street during the year, in the absence of a new Cantor.

Two new Sisterhood Presidents were installed this year, and the year got off to a cheerful start with an Installation Dinner, well attended by nearly 100 people. Other activities have taken place during the year, and a most successful Purim party took place. Many of our youth assisted in making this party the success it was; well attended with a noticeable influx of Members with their young children from Beth Shalom West.

Also two new Endowment Funds have been established — the Zikaron memorial Fund and the Tomid-Perpetual Fund — another vehicle for expressions of generosity for the benefit of our Congregation.



The Jacob Gordon Family

## Temple Israel

Stephen Goldstein, President



Temple Israel is Ottawa's only Reform Congregation and was founded in 1966. Our congregation now has a membership of over 240 families and has continued to grow over the years as we have provided a wide variety of spiritual services and programming for those who are oriented towards Liberal Judaism.

Shabbat Services are held regularly Friday evening and Saturday mornings. In addition, Wednesday morning minyanim, monthly Shabbat Religious School services and frequent Friday night supper services are conducted. Our Religious School meets Wednesday afternoons and Sunday mornings and boasts an enrollment of over 130 students with classes from Kindergarten through Confirmation (Grade 10). We also have an active Youth Group which meets regularly, conducts special programs and services and participates in local, regional and national conclaves and activities.

With several other active Temple groups including Brotherhood, Sisterhood and Adult Education, a

typical week in the Temple calendar could include, in addition to regular and festival services, a Tuesday morning study class with the Rabbi, a Sunday morning Adult Education or Social Action breakfast club meeting, a Sunday evening youth program, a Brotherhood or Sisterhood dinner and program, as well as various Executive Board and Committee meetings.

Significant events this year included our bidding farewell to Rabbi Don Gerber, our welcoming of Rabbi Sanford Marcus as our new spiritual leader, a variety of guest lecturers including the Director of Education for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and a distinguished Professor from the Hebrew Union College Rabbinical Seminary. Other new programs included the Bat Kol Study Group meeting weekly to study such topics as Jewish Thought, holidays, prayer and history; a Friday evening lecture series on the Siddur; a Passover Seder Workshop; and a Junior Youth Group (grades 7-9).

## Jewish National Fund Council

David Shore, Chairman



Our 1981 slate of officers is as follows:

Chairman: David Shore; Vice-Chairmen: Lisa Cogan, Harry Goldstein, William Grossman; Honorary Secretary: Sonia Kizell; Chairman Cash Flow: Samuel Taller; Chairman, Inscriptions & Blue Boxes: Ellen Lithwick; Chairman, Tu B'Shvat Telethon: Claire Bercovitch; Advisory Committee: Charles Taylor, Rose Taylor, David Zelikovitz.

Past Chairmen: Lazarus S. Greenberg, Hugh Levendel, Muriel Levine, Samuel Taller, Harry Weidman, Herbert Zagerman; Executive Director, Eastern Canada: Michael Goldstein; Jerusalem Emissary: Lt. Col. Yaacov Perez.

JNF work continues. Trees can be purchased by a toll free call to 1-800-361-8459, or call to Ellen Lithwick, Chairman Inscriptions and Blue Boxes.

I wish to thank everyone who devoted time and effort to the Jewish National Fund during this past year, and look forward with every confidence to a successful continuation of this important undertaking.



## Adath Shalom Congregation

Lyon Gilbert, President

Adath Shalom is a Conservative Synagogue, lovingly nurtured by its membership. Entering its fourth year, it stands as a viable alternative to those who wish to take a more active role in Synagogue life.

This past year can be flagged as one dedicated to enhancing our religious fervor. Many more members took part in Hazanut, and delivering D'Var Torahs.

Our women took on a greater participatory role with the creation of a Sunday morning Women's Miyan.

The Congregation enjoyed many family-oriented activities such as a Chanukah party, a Purim evening, a shul picnic and a sleigh ride and hootenany.

The Congregation is particularly

proud of its annual Sukkah-hopping event, which this year attracted a record 10 Sukkoth. A whole day was spent by 40 people who toured each Sukkah and who shared in a meaningful experience.

Further development was made with our youth programming. The Congregation offers its children a program integrated with Shabbat services.

Through its fund-raising events, Adath Shalom can boast that its resources are being put to excellent use. The next month will mark the purchase of the Congregation's first Torah.

It is expected that in this coming year our ranks will increase from the unaffiliated seeking similar goals.

## Congregation Machzikei Hadas

Harry Rosenberg, President

The tone setter for the year's activities was a very well-attended family picnic which took place in late August. The social committee also sponsored a very well-attended dinner and movie night in January.

We were fortunate to have a host of educational activities and youth events during the year which hopefully have served the Congregation and the community well. Adult Education activities began with a pre-Slichos lecture and refreshments evening followed by the recitation of Slichos. The second annual D'var Torah contest which attracted a great number of participants, male and female, from both the youth and adult populations of the Shul went off quite well. Another highlight of the Adult Education calendar was a Torah Immersion Week-end in November which featured Rabbi Irwin Witty of Toronto.

Special mention should be made of the second annual Ottawa Winter Yeshivah. The Chofetz Chaim Yeshivah of New York sent a strong contingent of 10 students and 3 couples who spent almost two weeks in Ottawa, based primarily in our Shul, to offer a Yeshivah type learning experience which attracted hundreds of people despite terrible weather. The Winter Yeshivah was also a portable Yeshivah, in that it hosted programs at Congregation Beth Shalom and at the Young Israel. Thanks must go to those who helped make this possible and to the many who gave their financial support to make it a reality.

The Adult Education Committee sponsored a number of Adult Shabbaton experiences, where adult members of the Shul took over the service. Aside from the regular Wednesday night Talmud class which has been expanded to include two Talmudic Tractates, and the regular Shabbat afternoon learning sessions and occasional weekday learning sessions prior to festivals, the Adult Education committee co-sponsored together with the Star of David School a successful Thursday night learning session for parents of the Star of David School and members of Congregation Machzikei Hadas. The aleph-beit program was conducted by the Star of David principal, Mrs. Hennie Honigman, with the informal chats about Judaism conducted by Rabbi Bulka.

The committee made available to the Congregation the new source of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, the Luach and Limud Diary, which combines pertinent calendar information for the month with a daily Mishnah reading. This unique personalized learning guide is available on subscription.

Youth activities in our Congregation were also of a varied nature. The Junior Congregation met regularly on Shabbat morning under the leadership of Mark Honigman. We experienced, as did other Congregations, the winter blues, when attendance was quite low, but otherwise the Junior Congregation maintained a minyan-level of attendance during the course of the year. Mark Honigman also supervised a successful Tuesday evening gym program adjacent to our Shul. A most significant addition to the host of youth programs has been the Sunday morning post Bar Mitzvah minyan, under the direction of Chazzan Levinson. This program has brought together as many as 15 to 20 teens for



davening, combined with breakfast and a program.

This year our Congregation once again was involved in an N.C.S.Y. program for the various age groups in conjunction with Congregation Beth Shalom and the Young Israel. This N.C.S.Y. program was under the supervision of Cary Katz and made programs available to the various groups of our Congregation in various locales. This year our Shul embarked on a program for Bat Mitzvah, which was joined at the outset by Congregation Beth Shalom. The total attendance at this class was 22, with 11 from each of the two Shuls. Studies were conducted by Rabbis Bulka and Herring, as well as Mrs. Bulka and Mrs. Rachel Berdugo. Additional youth activities included the standard staples of a Youth Shabbat, as well as a regular Shabbat afternoon teen study class conducted by our Rabbi. Aside from these activities, the youth lead the Congregation in the conducting part of the Musaf service.

Our Breakfast Club programs during the year were diverse and featured Rabbi Irwin Witty, a jointly sponsored breakfast with the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir which featured David Lewis' analysis of the constitution, a farewell to the Ottawa Winter Yeshivah, and a Purim breakfast which featured a costume contest in which approximately 50 of our children participated and in which prizes were awarded.

Some of the general services provided by our Shul to its membership and to the community included the yearly calendar which features candle lighting and Shabbat and Yom Tov ending times, as well as the yahrzeit dates observed by members of our Congregation. Additionally, our Congregation continues to offer the Eruv hotline service, which is an information medium conveying the candle lighting and Shabbat ending times on a weekly basis and also information regarding the functionality of the community Eruv. As usual this year, Congregation Machzikei Hadas hosted a community Seder, which included some Russian families. Thanks must go to the Hebrew Benevolent Society for their help in making this possible.

Aside from these services, our Shul maintains its regular complement of activities including daily minyan, an office that is always obliging in providing services, a Sisterhood supervised gift shop, a canteen service for the Bingo, a regular daily breakfast after the minyan, a regular Shabbat morning kiddush, a well endowed Shalosh Seudot every Shabbat afternoon, etc., etc.

For the Shul to provide all that it does, it needs human and material resources. It is only through the dedication of so many that we have been able to keep the Shul afloat. Specifically I refer to the Bingos, one sponsored by the Shul and the other sponsored by the Sisterhood. We are fortunate in having a dedicated membership and Sisterhood which have undertaken to do such a massive job. Additionally, the canteen operation has been a valuable contribution, well run and quite rewarding.

Another major source of revenue for the Congregation is the Annual Draw. This takes up countless hours and uses up an immense amount of energy, but is terribly necessary just so that we should be able to meet our financial obligations. Year in, year out, and this year was no exception, a few

dedicated individuals work tirelessly to ensure the success of the Draw.

This is the concluding report of my four year tenure as President of the Congregation. It was a period which brought me much fulfillment

and awareness of the many dedicated people who make a Shul into a vibrant reality. My thanks go to all of them and my best wishes to the entire Congregation for continued success in all of its endeavours.

## Association for Enrichment of Jewish Heritage

Rabbi Mordecai Y. Berger, Director

The Association for Enrichment of Jewish Heritage is a group of individuals dedicated to fostering and strengthening Yiddishkeit in the Ottawa community.

Founded by Rabbi Mordecai Berger, the Association concentrates a large part of its efforts on working with Jewish youth and has been servicing Jewish students at Ashbury College for the past couple of years.

1978 saw the establishment of Gan Yilodim, a daily pre-school program for three to five-year olds, where children learn and grow up in a traditional Jewish environment. In 1979 the school served fifty children and has now blossomed from a preschool into a French-immersion Hebrew Day School, known as Ecole Maimonides School. For 1981-82, Maimonides will have a morning Nursery, for 3 year olds; a full-day Kindergarten for 4 year olds, and the French-immersion program starting with the full day senior Kindergarten for 5 year olds; grades one and two.

The operation of an afternoon school, provides students from public or Hillel schools the opportunity to attend classes twice a week to enhance their Jewish knowledge and commitment. This program is now completing its fourth year under the direction of Rabbi David Hayes.

From its humble beginning in 1977 as a two-hour a day summer play group for twenty children, Camp Gan Israel developed into a full-fledged, popular day camp accommodating 200 children a year.

This is part of the Association's outreach program for Jewish



Having fun at Maimonides

youngsters in the community to have a meaningful experience in a fully traditional Jewish environment.

A weekly half-hour radio program, devoted to Jewish themes and music, called "Sunday Simcha" and hosted by Rabbi Berger and Earl Miller, is another dimension of the Association's efforts to reach out to the Jewish Community in Ottawa. This is now in its fifth year of operation, and is heard every Sunday from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. on CKCU-FM (Radio Carleton).

Tuition fees and various fund-raising projects provide the means to carry on the Association's work.

## Ottawa Women's ORT

Bonnie Carroll, President

On behalf of Ottawa Women's ORT, I would like to thank everyone in the community for their continuing support of our programmes.

We have had another fabulous year and have been successful in all our endeavors. This report highlights our accomplishments.

Our membership numbers are continuing to grow as we welcome new women to our organization. We have five active chapters plus a study group to suit the needs and interests of all ages and lifestyles.

We are extremely proud of our fundraising accomplishments as we have surpassed our expectations for dollars raised. Our major Regional and Chapter fundraisers for the past season were: publication of a Calendar Yearbook; participation in Metres for Millions Walkathon; Chanukah Latke Lunch; Christmas Gift Wrapping; Kid's Carnival; Roller Skate-A-Thon; Balloonograms; Movie and Magic Show; Wickerware Party; Phantom Teas; Garage and Nearly New Sales; and a Spring Tea.

We sponsored an informative seminar on May 12 to address the issue of "Attitudes Towards Vocational and Technical Education." Our guest speakers spoke on the following topics: "Training Today for the Jobs of Tomorrow";

"Women in Non-Traditional Occupations"; "Vocational Education: A Changing Perspective"; and "The Demand for Skilled Technicians in Today's High Technology Work Place." The seminar fulfilled its goal of contributing to an improvement in the status of vocational and technical education in Canada.

ORT together with National Council of Jewish Women and Hadassah-WIZO, hosted our annual Purim Party at Hillel Lodge on March 15. This event is always enjoyed by young and old alike.

The Chapters' programmes embraced a wide variety of topic areas including human rights; family life; breast cancer; Operation Go-Home; cooking demonstrations; Russian Jewry; the P.L.O.; and Japanese Lamp Making.

Our closing function will be held on June 18. On that date, I will complete my two year term as President of Ottawa Women's ORT. It is my great pleasure to announce that Gail Leibovitch will be assuming the Presidency.

In closing, I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to the members of Ottawa Women's ORT who worked so hard to make this year a success.

# Canada Israel Cultural Foundation

Myrna Barwin, President



The Canada Israel Cultural Foundation is an organization which strives to make a variety of aspects of Israeli culture available to Canadians. Money raised by the Foundation is sent to Israel in the form of scholarships for promising young Israeli artists.

Once again I am happy to report that our annual art show — with a new format — was a tremendous success. The location, the L'Auberge de Chaudiere enhanced the magnificent selection of art. Many thanks to everyone involved for a tremendous effort — special thanks go to Edie Koranyi and Gloria Hanff who yet again treated us to a "work of art".

Last year we raised money through the Pinchas Zukerman Fund with the purpose of purchasing an instrument for a young Israeli artist. This past summer, Yael and Leonard Lefkowitz visited the Elat Conservatory and Music Center. The standard of the academy is high — yet they feel isolated and forgotten. We have arranged to purchase 5 clarinets and feel great satisfaction knowing that we have provided instruments which would not otherwise have been available to the students.

We were fortunate this year in that the NAC had scheduled performances of two Israeli violinists, Pinchas Zukerman and Isaac Stern. CICF obtained block bookings for these concerts.

An interesting idea was implemented this year. The CBC will show free, to a group any program that has appeared on TV at their Videotique. We enjoyed a viewing

of the superb movie, "Homage to Chagall" in February. CBC even provided the coffee free of charge.

One of the most successful evenings was "A Focus on Art". Sara Vered treated us to a most fascinating overview of Israeli art, beautifully illustrated with colour slides. This was followed by a movie on the Israeli artist, Marcel Yankov.

Our scheduled closing function was to be an evening with Leonard Oesterle, the well-known Canadian sculptor. Sadly, we cancelled the meeting due to the loss of Elaine Wright a few days before the meeting was scheduled. We wish to pay tribute to one of our original committee members, a tireless worker and friend of CICF.

A reminder that the Lawrence Freiman Endowment Fund is an ongoing concern. Proceeds are sent to CICF in Israel and go towards the scholarship fund and the Tzil-Am program (a project that takes art and music to the more remote parts of Israel). To make a contribution to this fund, please call the JCC and ask for the Endowment Fund Office.

Next year the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra will be appearing at the NAC. We are planning a gala evening.

We look forward to yet another successful year under the presidency of Sara Vered.

Current membership is approximately 200 and is open to anyone interested in the promotion of Israeli culture. New members would be most welcome.

## Friends of the Weizmann Institute

Charles Dalfen, Chairman

By the time this is printed, the National Dinner in honour of Chief Justice Bora Laskin will have become part of our community's history... a stirring and auspicious occasion... in tribute to a great son of the Jewish people, an exemplary Canadian and an outstanding human being. Organized by the newly-formed Ottawa Chapter of the Weizmann Institute, the event was under the patronage of the Governor General and attracted leaders from education, government, science, the arts and business and legal communities across North America.

Those attending created a Chair in Science Teaching at the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot, Israel in tribute to the Chief Justice.

His name thus becomes linked with humanitarians, scientists and other world leaders who have been honoured by the Institute.

The Ottawa Chapter was brought into being following a meeting last September convened by the late Gilbert Greenberg. He was assisted by Ottawans who had served on the National Board of Directors of the Canadian Society... Zeev Vered and Lawrence Freiman. Before his sudden passing, Gil had laid the groundwork for the organization of the Chapter and had brought Ottawa's Jewish Community leaders together with Murray Koffler, Chairman of the Board of the Canadian Society.

Founded nearly half a century ago (originally as the Sieff Institute) by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, a pre-eminent scientist and Israel's first President, the Weizmann Institute today is recognized throughout the world as a centre of scientific excellence.

From the outset Dr. Weizmann rejected chauvinism and provin-

cialism, the scientists and facilities at the Institute, he insisted, must be judged by the standards of the best international universities and institutions.

He foresaw the need for a first-rate research organization to speed Israel's development in agriculture and industry. Survival would depend in large measure upon the qualitative superiority of her scientists and technicians.

On the Rehovot campus today some 600 research projects are in progress, ranging from the search for new sources of energy to the study of diseases, their early detection, prevention, causes and therapies. Cancer, Multiple Sclerosis, heart disease and afflictions of childhood have had a high priority... with encouraging results.

Work proceeds on the design and construction of computers, the secrets of life and matter, the functioning of the brain, and the exploration of unknown aspects of our environment, atomic nuclei, increased yields of food, the search for new sources of water... these, and many more, are the objects of intense investigation, for it is the discovery of new knowledge that is the Weizmann's primary task.

The Institute's Canadian Society was brought into being 15 years ago with the dual purpose of mobilizing financial support and arranging exchange of scientists between Rehovot and Canadian campuses. The Canadian Scientific Advisory Council includes Ottawans Dr. Gerhard Herzberg, Dr. J.L. Wolfson, Dr. William Schneider, Dr. B.B. Migicovsky and Dr. Harold Bernstein.

During the next year the Ottawa Chapter expects to initiate lecture series featuring leading scientists from the Weizmann Institute.

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## National Council of Jewish Women Ottawa Section

Myra Aronson, President



Council has enjoyed a highly successful year in terms of fundraising, programming and community service.

Our year got off to a dazzling start with a Diamonds and Furs Fashion Show. Not only was this an exciting event but it was also our way of acknowledging the valued participation of our members throughout the year by holding a Luncheon in their honour.

In mid-October, our regular activities began in earnest. I am referring to our Annual Israeli Brunch and the Conference for Parents on Adolescence — two totally different types of programs, meeting totally different objectives and yet both under the auspices of Council.

The Israeli brunch was both a social and — most important — financial success. This year's event, chaired by Daphne Aron, will be remembered for its touch of elegance and artistic presentation. And, once again, Ottawa Section not only met, but surpassed its commitment to the Israeli Family Counselling Association, the beneficiary of the funds.

Everyone knows that Council gives great parties but needless to say, our purpose and our obligation to the community have much wider parameters. On numerous occasions our organization has assumed the role of innovator in our community and this was the case with our Seminar for Parents on Adolescence, initiated last year.

The theme of this year's Conference was "My Parents, My Children, Myself" focusing on the three generational perspective of relationships. The event was well received by the capacity crowd and our thanks go to Roz Labow and Flora Silverman who ably convened the Conference. Council members have every reason to be proud of our organization's role in the community in focusing in on social problems and offering the forums for discussion.

On May 3, we held our 24th Annual Exhibition and Sale of Canadian Art. Over 500 people attended the Show which was preceded by a Cocktail Party in the foyer of the C.D. Howe Building. This is Council's major fundraiser as monies are used to fund our many community-oriented endeavours such as the Golden Age Club, scholarships to local universities and Mental Health Playreading.

This year, under the able chairmanship of Sharon Gray, the Show attracted a sell-out crowd. Council is proud that for 24 years, we have continued to offer high quality works of art at affordable prices. We are constantly in search of new and promising Canadian artists and are grateful to the established artists whose association with our Art Show dates back to its inception.

In addition to the activities carried out by our members, other organizations and events have been carried on under our auspices. Foremost among these is the Golden Age Club and the Bingo run by Shelley Schachnow. Last year's Annual Golden Age Picnic was organized by our Vice-President Carol Kassie. Golden Agers, Council members and their children enjoyed a lovely old-fashioned picnic — sandwiches, lemonade, ice-cream and cake — on the lawns of the Rideauview Golf Club.

In addition, a donation was given for the J.C.C. Youth Leadership Seminars and funds were made available for programs sponsored by Services for the Jewish Elderly.

In conjunction with the planning and implementation of all these major projects, members still have had the opportunity to pursue and develop their own specific interests within a Council setting. Members enjoyed participation in the Gourmet Club, Study Group, which this year devoted its attention to the topic "Women and Success" and Playreading Group. We continued to service the Civic Hospital Canteen, Perley Hospital and Citizenship Court. Members met at monthly luncheons which featured such programmes as A World of Prints, whereby we had a unique opportunity to hear Claire Wallack speak on prints in the surroundings of her own home; brunch at the Italian Embassy with Mrs. Claris Fulci, wife of the Ambassador; an address by John Evans M.P. on the Constitution; and a Spring Fling featuring Kelly Howard.

In closing, we wish to thank all the members of the Ottawa Jewish Community who have supported us this past year. It is through your financial support of the projects outlined in this report, that Council has been able to maintain its high-level commitment to the local and Jewish communities and to Israel.

## Reception Committee for Newcomers

Ronnie Gavie, Chairman



The Ladies Reception Committee for Newcomers to the Ottawa Jewish Community will celebrate its 25th Anniversary and host its 50th Tea in the coming year. The committee was originally founded by Beatrice Hock, who, 24 years ago, realized and reacted to the needs of newcomers, by arranging a tea in her own home.

Since that time, the committee, under the auspices of the Jewish Community Council, has organized two teas a year, at the home of one of the members. Before each tea, the committee meets to plan and arrange for the coming social event. The members seek out those who are new to the Ottawa Jewish Community, and provide them with the opportunity to meet each other and make friends.

The guests, who are invited to a

least two teas, are representative of countries all over the world. They gain pleasure not only from meeting new friends, but, in addition, from meeting people from their homeland.

The members of the Ladies Reception Committee for Newcomers are: Ricki Baker, Sarah Berke, Rose Betcherman, Ruth Calof, Marcia Caplan, Greta Cohen, Ronnie Gavie, Vera Glube, Carol Greenberg, Beatrice Hock, Cally Kardash, Sonja Kizell, Ida Lithwick, Miriam Levitin, Yetta Pearl, Shirley Solomon, Miriam Weiner, and Sally Weltman.

All members extend their sincere appreciation to those of the office staff at the Jewish Community Council whose assistance has been invaluable.

## Ottawa Hebrew Free Loan Association

**William Grossman, President**

We are in our 48th year of operation. To date, we have granted 2,388 loans. We have been of particular benefit to so many recent Russian arrivals who came to Canada with very little worldly goods.

Money is loaned in sums up to \$1,000. to applicants, without charge of interest or expense of any kind.

The Officers of our organization at present are: Honorary President: Solomon Zelikovitz; Immediate Past President: Thomas Sachs; Vice-Presidents: Hy Gould and Joseph Zelikovitz; Treasurer: Reuben Kalin; Executive Secretary: Charlotte Slack; Honorary Solicitor: Joseph Lieff, Q.C.; Honorary Accountant: I.L. Landau, C.A.; Executive Committee: David Zelikovitz, Benjamin Feinstein, Laz Greenberg; Directors: Irving Greenberg; Directors: Irving

Lithwick, Mrs. Myer N. Drazin, Mrs. Leon Petegorsky, Rabbi Mordecai Y. Berger, Rabbi Reuven P. Bulka, Rabbi Basil F. Herring, Rabbi Irving Schreier; Israel Co-Chairmen: Solomon Zelikovitz, William Grossman; Vice-Chairman: Isaac Levine, Mischa Zbar, Gilbert Greenberg (deceased); Secretary: Esta Friedman.

Our branches in Israel are very active and continue to render valuable service to hundreds of needy Israelis especially since the influx of Russian Jewry. The personnel in charge are extending valuable service to our Organization.

I also wish to point out that Wills and Bequests have been of valuable assistance to us and increase our aid to those in need. So, please remember the Hebrew Free Loan in your Will.



Free Loan Association Officers 1980-81

## Ottawa Hebrew Benevolent Society

**Samuel Caplan, President**

This is the final report for our Society. Instead of figures and statistics, we will submit an abbreviated report of our activities for the past 82 years.

At the end of the 19th century, immigrants arrived in Canada fleeing from the Russian pogroms. A few of them, both single and married, chose Ottawa as their temporary residence. Some of the 18 families, who comprised the Jewish population, voluntarily housed and fed these new arrivals.

However, there were a number of transients passing through who were stranded here, so the need for an organization was necessary. Rev. Jacob Mirsky who served as Chazan Shochet and spiritual leader, organized the society to help these transients. Membership was 25¢ a month which Rev. Mirsky personally collected and distributed to those who were in need.

During the 82 years, we had no professional help and all the work was done by volunteers and dedicated members of the local clergy.

In 1932, at the height of the

depression, the Men's and Ladies Benevolent Societies merged and a secretary, on a part-time basis, was hired to assist the officers.

From 1932 to 1981, a period of 49 years, we had three secretaries who also did some social service work. They were Mrs. Sadie Lieff, the late Miss Helen Abelson and latterly Mrs. Doris Toronto. In addition to looking after families in need, patients in the various hospitals were visited by committees for the community.

There were several periods when the society was faced with emergency problems — in 1914 prior to the outbreak of World War I, a depression in 1920 and, of course, the depression of 1929 when we were faced with major problems.

The sudden uprising in Hungary in 1956 was a real test. We organized our committees, met the new arrivals at the airport, had them housed, clothed and fed.

We do hope our successor, the J.S.S.A. will carry on the work in the same spirit as it was our privilege to serve.



## Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO

**Betty Polowin, President**

Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO is one of fifteen Council Cities in Canadian Hadassah-WIZO which is one of fifty federations in fifty countries forming World WIZO. Our aim is to promote the educational, medical and social welfare of all women and children in Israel — Jewish, Christian and Moslem. We are completely non-political and are not affiliated with any specific religious branch of Judaism. We keep up with world affairs, help promote understanding between different thinking groups and study topics that affect us as Canadian women.

Our year started with membership. Each chapter decided to have its own membership drive. We have fourteen chapters — one general and thirteen active — at least five chapters have had over fifty years of active service. We have a membership of over six hundred.

Our Youth Aliyah Campaign started with a brunch with Dr. Ruth Gruber as our guest speaker. This fundraising campaign was most successful. This was followed in very short order by our Bazaar where we saluted the disabled. As usual, our bazaar was monetarily successful.

The Medical Services luncheon held this spring was extraordinarily rewarding. Mrs. Renee Anug brought greetings from Israel and our program was the first Canada-Israel Fashion Show.

The closing and installation dinner will be held June 3 with our National President, Mirlal Small as our guest speaker.

During the winter, our 3rd Southern Regional Conference was held in Florida. This is a National event and has become better each year.

There have been Fundraising, Leadership and Public Affairs Seminars held across the country and we have sent delegates to all with great results. The last Public Affairs Seminar was held in Washington together with A.I.P.A.C. (American Israel Public Affairs Committee).

Our State of Israel Bond Chairman Miriam Goldstein had an excellent idea. She asked each chapter to nominate one person and each person will be honoured with a scroll at our closing.

Our chapters meet bi-monthly or monthly and have their own programs and fund-raising activities.

This coming November we are holding the National Convention here in Ottawa.



## Labour Zionist Council

**Harry Goldstein, Chairman**

On behalf of the Labour Zionist Council of Ottawa, I wish to submit my report on our activities for the past year.

Our Annual Ottawa Histadrut Campaign was conducted under the capable chairmanship of Jose Lebovic and his hard-working committee. All monies raised were dedicated to Camp Gesher and Israel.

We are grateful to the Ottawa Jewish Community for generously supporting our successful appeal.

We published our 31st Annual Jewish Telephone Directory. Our dedicated and hard-working Pioneer Women, under the chairmanship of Claire Bercovitch, have done an outstanding job in publishing the 1981 Telephone Directory. This reference book is well-received in our community and is used extensively.

The Dror-Habonim Youth Group

has expanded tremendously under the leadership of Shaul Webber. To date, they boast over 100 members. The Labour Zionist Council pledges its full support of this Youth Group.

The Labour Zionist Council has undertaken to supervise Camp Gesher and make contributions to improve and enlarge the facilities of this camp. We invite Ottawa Jewry to visit Camp Gesher on Highway 41 off Kaladar.

The Labour Zionist Council holds meetings with representation from the Histadrut League, Pioneer Women Na'amat, and Dror-Habonim Youth Group.

Our Council is instrumental in activating groups in our community endeavours such as the Holocaust Memorial, United Jewish Appeal, Bonds and J.N.F. Negev Dinner.

## Ottawa Chevra Kadisha

**Sam Petigorsky, Gabbai Rishon**

The Ottawa Chevra Kadisha year ends on the fifteenth day of Kislev. This corresponded in the 1979-80 year to November 23, 1980. During that year we serviced fifty-five cases. Unfortunately, during the 1979-80 year our Gabbai Rishon, Jack Landau and our Gabbai, Lazer Kapeller passed away.

Several women and one man were admitted to membership in our organization. Also, several others were accepted as probationary members.

A number of executive meetings and one general meeting were held during the year. Future plans were discussed regarding maintenance, repairs and improvements to the

Chapel building.

The cost of heating and maintenance in general of the building has increased tremendously. This will create a greater burden on our financial position. However, at present, our financial position remains stable.

The following Officers were elected at the General Meeting held last November:

Honorary Gabbai — Harry Pleit; Gabbai Rishon — Sam Petigorsky; Gabbai — M. Sidney Green; Gabbai — Abe Hanser; Recording Secretary — Israel Greenberg; Financial Secretary — Martin K. Levinson.

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